Call for the MAEC-AECID Scholarship Programs for the academic year 2023/2024

The call for the MAEC-AECID scholarship programs for the 2023/2024 academic year has already been published. **Lebanese nationals** who may be interested can apply for the two following scholarship programs:

1 - AFRICA-MED Program: Scholarships for citizens of African and Middle Eastern countries included in the bilateral strategies of the V Master Plan for Spanish Cooperation or recipients of Official Development Assistance (AOD).

Program: There are four itineraries:

- a. <u>AFRICA-MED MASTER'S DEGREE</u>: scholarships for civil servants or staff integrated into public systems, including the education and university system, to carry out master's degrees in Spain with a maximum of 60 ECTS. The Master's degree must be related to one of the lines of action in which the actions of the Spanish Cooperation are framed according to the V Master Plan or with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the 2030 Agenda.
- b. <u>AFRICA-MED SPANISH LANGUAGE</u>: scholarships for public employees or personnel integrated into public systems, including the educational and university system, to study university master's degrees or face-to-face courses in Spain with a maximum of 60 ECTS credits, related to the teaching of Spanish, or with Spanish language and culture.
- c. <u>AFRICA-MED RESEARCH</u>: scholarships for a research stay in Spain, for researchers and professors of university education, at a university, a center of the Higher Council for Scientific Research or another public or private R&D institution. The research must be related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the 2030 Agenda.
- d. <u>AFRICA-MED INTERNSHIPS:</u> scholarships for non-labor internships in Spain, for citizens of the aforementioned countries within the framework of an agreement or arrangement signed between public or private organizations or entities in Spain and the country of origin.

Submission of applications and deadline:

The applications must be completed duly and entirely in Spanish by the petitioners in the corresponding form electronically, on www.aecid.gob.es, completely and truthfully.

The scholarship application must be exclusively done for one program.

The required documentation will be presented in Spanish. Documents in a different language must be accompanied by a translation into Spanish.

The deadline for submitting applications is from January 24 to February 18, 2023.

Requirements:

- a. To be a national of one of the following countries: Angola, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Libya, **Lebanon**, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.
- b. AFRICA-MED MASTER and AFRICA-MED SPANISH LANGUAGR: In addition to the above requirements,

a. They must be an official or personnel integrated into the public system of the candidate's country, including educational and university institutions;

b. They must possess the authorization of their hierarchical superior to carry out studies abroad.

- c. AFRICA-MED RESEARCH: In addition to the previous requirements,
 - a. They must be research personnel linked to a higher education institution in their country. Students carrying out a PhD will not be considered;
 - b. They must have been admitted or invited by a Spanish institution to carry out a research stay in Spain.
- d. AFRICA-MED INTERNSHIPS: In addition to the previous requirements,
 - a. They must have the accreditation of an agreement or agreement signed between public or private organizations or entities in Spain and the country of origin.
 - b. They must process the admission to carry out unpaid internships, based on the signing of an agreement with a public or private company or with an officially recognized professional training center, in accordance with the requirements established by the same, leaving the granting of the scholarship conditioned to the definitive admission.
- e. Not to be a Spanish national or be in possession of a NIE.
- f. Not to have dual nationality from any member state of the European Union.
- g. Applicants with dual nationality from a country that is not a member of the European Union must choose the nationality with which they wish to complete the scholarship application form and provide the corresponding identification data.

- h. To be in possession of a national passport at the time of joining the destination study center
- i. Not to be a resident of any EU country, including Spain.
- j. Not to have been a fellow/intern of AECID, nor of the Carolina Foundation, since the 2012-2013 calls.
- k. To possess the necessary diplomas that are legally required pursuing the studies, research or practices chosen at the time of requesting the scholarship.
- I. To process, at the same time as the application for the scholarship, the preadmission in the destination center where the master's degree or research will be carried out, in accordance with the requirements established by it, leaving the granting of the scholarship conditioned to final admission.
- m. For citizens of countries whose official language is not Spanish, to have knowledge of the Spanish language.
- n. In case the Master's degree is taught in a language other than Spanish, to have knowledge of the corresponding foreign language.
- o. Not to be involved in any of the prohibitions indicated in article 13.2 of the General Subsidies Law.

Duration:

- a. AFRICA-MED MASTER and AFRICA-MED SPANISH LANGUAGE: from September 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.
- b. AFRICA-MED RESEARCH and AFRICA-MED INTERNSHIPS: the duration of the stay will be a minimum of 6 months and can reach up to 9 months between the period of October 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Endowment:

- a. Monthly payments: One monthly payment of €2500 (to be paid when the beneficiary has joined their studies in Spain in person). The rest of the monthly payments will be of €1300.
- b. Healthcare in Spain and accident insurance.
- c. For AFRICA-MED MASTER and AFRICA-MED SPANISH LANGUAGE scholarships, the endowment also includes tuition assistance, including tuition fees, for an amount not exceeding €5000. The payment of the tuition fees will be done directly to the beneficiary or to the educational institution, after presenting the corresponding invoice.

Required documentation:

a. For applicants of AFRICA-MED MASTER and AFRICA-MED SPANISH LANGUAGE:

a. Copy of the personal identity document or its legal replacement.

b. Curriculum vitae developed in a maximum page.

c. Document accrediting knowledge of Spanish. When the requested master's degree is taught in a language other than Spanish, a copy of the document accrediting knowledge of that language.

d. Accreditation of the contractual relationship or dependency of the official work body.

e. Authorization of the hierarchical superior with competences for the authorization of permits to carry out studies abroad.

f. Proof of the pre-admission process at the destination center or institution where the master's degree will be completed.

g. Declaration of compliance with the general requirements.

b. For AFRICA-MED RESEARCH applicants:

a. Copy of the personal identity document or its legal replacement.

b. Accreditation of being research personnel attached to a research and/or higher education institution in the home country.

c. Proof of the pre-admission process or letter of invitation at the destination center or institution where the research will be carried out.

d. Curriculum vitae developed in a maximum page.

e. Copy of the document accrediting knowledge of Spanish or certificate of sufficient knowledge to develop the project, research, training practice, from the reception center.

f. Declaration of compliance with the general requirements.

c. For AFRICA-MED INTERNSHIP applicants:

a. Copy of the personal identity document or its legal replacement.

b. Copy of the agreement or convention signed between the organization or entity of origin and the corresponding organization or entity in Spain.

c. Proof of the pre-admission process or letter of invitation from the destination Spanish center or institution where the non-labor internship will take place.

d. Curriculum vitae developed in a maximum page.

e. Copy of the document accrediting knowledge of Spanish or certificate of sufficient knowledge to develop the project, research, training practice, from the reception center.

f. Declaration of compliance with the general requirements.

DIPLOMATIC SCHOOL Program: Scholarships for the Interuniversity Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations of the Diplomatic School of Spain.

Program: It has two different ways:

a. Scholarships for officials from certain countries, including **Lebanon**, to complete the Interuniversity Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations at the Diplomatic School of Spain.

b. Scholarships for citizens of African and Middle Eastern countries, officials or integrated staff of African and Arab regional organizations such as the **Arab League** (including **Lebanon**), for the completion of the Interuniversity Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations of the Diplomatic School of Spain.

Term:

The deadline for submitting applications is from March 7 to March 22, 2023.

Requirements:

a. To be a national of one of the above-mentioned countries.

b. To be an official or staff member of the public system of the candidate country or of the corresponding regional organization, and to possess the authorization of the Government or organization of origin of the candidate to carry out studies abroad.

c. Not to be a Spanish national or to possess a NIE.

d. Not to have dual nationality from any member state of the European Union.

e. Applicants with dual nationality from a country that is not a member of the European Union must choose the nationality with which they wish to complete the scholarship application form and provide the corresponding identification data.

f. To be in possession of a national passport at the time of joining the destination study center.

g. Not to be a resident in any EU country, including Spain.

h. Not to have been a fellow/intern of AECID, nor of the Carolina Foundation, since the 2012-2013 calls.

i. To possess the necessary diplomas that are legally required pursuing the studies, research or practices chosen at the time of requesting the scholarship.

j. To process, at the same time as the application for the scholarship, the admission to the Diplomatic School of Spain, in accordance with the requirements established, leaving the granting of the scholarship conditional on definitive admission.

k. For citizens of countries whose official language is not Spanish, to have knowledge of the Spanish language.

I. If the Master's program is taught in a language other than Spanish, to have knowledge of that foreign language.

m. Not to be involved in any of the prohibitions indicated in article 13.2 of the General Subsidies Law.

Duration:

From October 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Endowment:

- a. Monthly payments: One monthly payment of €2500 (to be paid when the beneficiary has joined their studies in Spain in person). The rest of the monthly payments will be of €1300.
- a. Healthcare in Spain and accident insurance

Required documentation:

a. Accreditation of the contractual relationship or dependency of the official work body.

b. Authorization of the corresponding hierarchical superior of the country of origin of the candidate or of the international organization in which they are working to carry out studies abroad.

c. Proof of the pre-admission process in the Interuniversity Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations of the Diplomatic School of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation.

d. Copy of the personal identity document or its legal equivalent.

e. Curriculum vitae developed in a maximum page.

F. For foreign citizens whose country's official language is not Spanish, a copy of the document accrediting knowledge of Spanish.

g. Declaration of compliance with the general requirements.

For further information, you may check the **official open call:** <u>https://www.aecid.gob.es/es/Paginas/DetalleProcedimiento.aspx?idp=466</u>

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