



Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (www.cide.edu)

Educational Internationalization Office

EXCHANGE PROGRAM FACT SHEET 2026-2027

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**Exchange Agreements and
Educational Internationalization**

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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

Whether you study at our Santa Fe campus in Mexico City or at our Región Centro campus in Aguascalientes, undertaking an exchange at CIDE offers the opportunity to become part of a small academic community with a broad academic and applied reach.

Officially known as the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, CIDE is one of the leading social science research centers in Mexico. Its work encompasses not only economics but also law, political science, international relations, history, public policy, and a range of related interdisciplinary topics, including migration, drug policy, accountability and regulation. Established in 1974, CIDE is part of the national network of public research centers associated with the Mexican Ministry of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation (SECIHTI).

Many alumni have taken on leadership roles in the public, private, and academic sectors and our faculty are active participants in academic and advisory networks in Mexico and abroad. Thus, though we may seem to be a small school, our community extends well beyond the classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nomination Deadlines

Fall 2026: May 15, 2026
Spring 2027: October 16, 2026
Fall 2027: May 14, 2027

Application Deadlines

Fall 2026: June 1, 2026
Spring 2027: October 26, 2026
Fall 2027: June 4, 2027

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

MEXICO CITY (Santa Fe)

Undergraduate programs:

Economics, Law, Political Science and International Relations

Masters programs:

Economics (ME), International History (MHI), Political Science (MCP), Public Policy and Administration (MAPP), Public Management (MGP), Economic Development (MDE)

Doctoral programs:

Applied History (DHA), Political Science (DCP), Public Policy (DPP)

AGUASCALIENTES (Región Centro)

Undergraduate program:

Public Policy

Masters programs:

Methods for Policy Analysis (METPOL)

Exchange students may complete up to two semesters at CIDE.

Academic Calendar

Fall 2025: August 18–December 5

Spring 2026: February 2–June 19

Important Note: CIDE cannot emit official grade reports or transcripts until after the end-of semester professors' meetings. For the Fall semester, these meetings are normally held in late January and for the Spring semester in early August.

Language Requirements: Spanish B2

Although some courses are offered in English, the official language of instruction at CIDE is Spanish, and it is important to be prepared to complete course work in this language. Many professors, however, will accept written assignments in English. CIDE may require incoming students to take an additional Spanish course.

Grading criteria:

Grades at CIDE are numerical. The highest possible grade is 10. Any grade below 6 is failing.

Credits:

On average, a 60-hour course corresponds to 8 credits, but this may vary based on class hours type of instruction.

Application procedure and required documents

Students nominated by an institution that has an exchange agreement with CIDE:

- completed application form
- statement of purpose, written in Spanish, explaining your interest in studying at CIDE
- official transcript, including current courses
- proof of Spanish-language proficiency
- copy of the identification page of your passport (Mexican citizens may submit a copy of their national identity card [INE])

Students interested in completing a semester as a visiting student should contact us for information on the steps and fees involved.

Visas.

Mexican visa requirements depend on nationality and length of stay. For a stay of one semester, students who do not require a visa to visit Mexico as a tourist will not require a student visa. For a stay of more than 180 days (two semesters) a student visa is required regardless of nationality. Please consult with the Mexican embassy or consulate in your home country.

Medical insurance.

Once accepted and prior to arrival in Mexico, incoming exchange students must send a copy of medical insurance and repatriation coverage valid for their entire stay in the country.

Housing network.

CIDE does not have student housing. We do, however, maintain a list of housing options for visiting students. Please contact Jazmín Velázquez (jazmin.velazquez@cide.edu) for further details.