



Objet: Appel à propositions pour l'octroi de bourses pour des activités de formation du COI visant à encourager les transferts de technologies, la recherche et les études de troisième cycle

Dans le cadre de ses activités de formation et d'opérations spécifiques pour 2017, en vue d'encourager la recherche et de renforcer les compétences des agents techniques du secteur oléicole, le Conseil oléicole international prévoit d'accorder quatre bourses pour le Master en oléiculture et oléotechnie organisé par l'Université de Cordoue et dix bourses d'étude pour le Diplôme d'expert en évaluation organoleptique des huiles d'olive vierges organisé par l'Université de Jaén.

Les bourses de Master en oléiculture et oléotechnie visent à former des professionnels de l'oléiculture et des technologies de l'huile d'olive, à encourager la recherche, à répondre à la demande croissante de techniciens oléicoles, à encourager les transferts de technologies, à faciliter le partage d'informations, d'expériences et de résultats et à favoriser la mobilité entre les Membres.

L'objectif du Diplôme d'expert en évaluation organoleptique des huiles d'olive vierges est de fournir une formation de base pour la constitution de jurys de dégustation comme activité essentielle de la mission du COI pour améliorer les capacités et la compétence des laboratoires chargés de l'analyse sensorielle des huiles d'olive vierges.

Les bourses du COI couvrent les frais d'inscription, les frais de voyage au début et à la fin du cours et des indemnités mensuelles pour les étudiants (860 €). La gestion des bourses peut cependant être confiée à un autre organisme (en l'occurrence l'Université). Un engagement à temps plein est requis pour les deux cours.

Les étudiants doivent avoir une maîtrise préalable de la langue de travail des cours (espagnol).

Les conditions particulières pour solliciter les bourses d'études et les détails de chacun de ces cours sont joints à l'Annexe I - Conditions spécifiques pour les bourses de Master et à l'Annexe II - Conditions spécifiques pour les bourses du cours d'expert). Les principes régissant les bourses et les critères d'exclusion, de sélection et d'attribution font l'objet de l'annexe IV.

Date limite de réception des propositions : le 3 mai 2017.



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Ces bourses seront attribuées uniquement aux citoyens des pays membres du COI qui répondent à toutes les conditions et passent avec succès les différentes étapes du processus de sélection.

L'attribution des bourses est soumise à la disponibilité du budget.

La présentation des candidatures n'oblige en aucun cas le COI à sélectionner les candidats appuyés par ses Membres.

Veillez noter que certains candidats peuvent se voir exclus de la participation et que le COI peut également demander des justificatifs supplémentaires aux candidats ou des explications sur les documents justificatifs présentés.

Le COI est disponible pour aider les candidats désignés par les autorités nationales à organiser leur participation (contacts avec les universités, processus de délivrance des visas, etc.).



ANNEX I - XII Master's Degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology

The Master's Degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology is jointly organised by the University of Cordoba (UCO), the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of the Regional Government of Andalusia (CAP), the Andalusian Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IFAPA), the National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (INIA), the Spanish Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC), the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), through the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ), and the International Olive Council (IOC).

It reflects the pivotal role played by olive production in the economies of many countries and the benefits of fostering, through training, the process of rapid technological and structural adjustment of the above mentioned sector to meet the objectives of reducing production costs, increasing quality and expanding the olive market on the basis of the positive promotion of the use of the olive oil as a dietary component, and of the interest of increasing the international cooperation defended by these institutions.

The objective of the Master's degree is to train professionals whose profile meets the growing demand for specialists at the highest level in olive growing and olive oil technology.

The Master's programme is spread across two academic years. The first year covers the Postgraduate Specialisation Course (60 ECTS) and the second year, for initiation to research, leads to the thesis of the Master of Science (total for both years: 120 ECTS).

The first year course will run from the end of September 2017 to the end of May 2018. Only participants that have obtained an average score of 7/10 or higher in the Postgraduate Specialisation Course may opt for the second year of the scholarships.

Upon completion of the Postgraduate Specialisation Course, the participants who have passed the stipulated control tests will receive the Postgraduate Specialisation Diploma in Olive Growing and Oil Technology awarded by CIHEAM. Those participants that have completed the whole cycle will obtain the University Master's Degree in Olive Growing and Oil Technology. The official Spanish degree will be awarded by the University of Córdoba, and CIHEAM will award its Master of Science Degree. The professionals from the sector who attend the modules will receive a Certificate of attendance and success for the module or modules completed. If all the modules of the Areas of Production or Industrialisation are completed, they will receive a Diploma of University Expert in Olive Growing or in Oil Technology, in accordance with the part followed.



The University criteria for admission are:

- *University degree*, preferably in agronomy, biology, agricultural industry or food technology;
- *Proficiency in Spanish*, which will be the working language of the course; for those successful candidates whose first language is not Spanish, courses to perfect their language knowledge will be organised from July to September 2017. The Instituto Cervantes (<http://www.cervantes.es>) has a virtual classroom to teach Spanish online. Information can be obtained at <http://ave.cervantes.es>, available in several languages (the IOC will not cover the language tuition period.)
- *Reading knowledge of English*, necessary to understand some of the material distributed during the course.

Participants must show proof of health insurance cover before the beginning of the course. The Master's course Directorate can provide information if required.

Candidates should be working, researching or have a study background in the olive sector.

Date limite de réception des propositions : un mois après la publication de cet appel à proposition.

Applications should be accompanied by the attached application form (one per candidate). A copy of the following documents should also be submitted together with the application form:

- National Identity card (or passport)
- University Degree
- Transcript of records
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter stating the reasons for participating in the Master's degree

The application form must be sent by e-mail or post, together with all the supporting documents, to the:

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Fax: +34-91 563 1263
E-mail: iooc@internationaloliveoil.org



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A copy of the application and of all the supporting documents must also be sent to the Director of the Programme:

Prof. Ricardo Fernández Escobar
Departamento de Agronomía
Universidad de Córdoba
Campus Rabanales, Edificio C4
Carretera de Madrid km.396
14071 Córdoba (Spain)
Fax: +34-95 721 8569
E-mail: masterolivicultura@uco.es



ANNEX II - XV Expert Diploma in the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oils

The Expert Diploma in the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oils is organised by the University of Jaén, with the support of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of the Regional Government of Andalusia (CAP), of the Provincial Council of Jaén and other private entities.

The aim of the course is to teach students the theory and methodology for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil and the analysis of the factors and positive and negative attributes that define sensory quality in relation to cultural practices, processing methods and other general physical and chemical quality control parameters.

It is the result of the need for having qualified professionals with specific skills in the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oils in order to support quality control and monitoring, prevent fraud and provide assistance to producers to clearly analyse their virgin olive oils through sensory analysis. It also aims to assist in the establishment of recognised laboratories, thereby strengthening the implementation of the IOC standard.

This course runs for three months (330 hours) and is organised into various modules on different subject matter. To receive the diploma, participants are required to attend at least 85% of the classes of each module and achieve a positive evaluation in the final theoretical and practical exams.

In the case of the **expert diploma**, the university requires candidates conform to one of the following profiles:

- Graduates holding a degree in Chemical Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Food Science and Technology, Pharmacology, Biological Sciences, Environmental and Business Studies.
- Specialised engineers and technical experts in the areas of chemistry, agronomy, forestry and industry.
- University graduates.
- Directors, managers and person in charge of oil mills and cooperatives or producer unions, packing companies or olive oil exporters and public or private testing laboratories.

Proficiency in Spanish, which will be the working language of the course, is necessary. For those successful candidates whose first language is not Spanish, the University may organise a complementary Spanish course in September to improve their understanding. The IOC will not cover the language tuition period.



As the IOC is providing this training groundwork for creating tasting panels as a part of its action to improve olive oil quality, candidates must be suitably trained with expert knowledge of olive oil organoleptic assessment.

Date limite de réception des propositions : le 3 mai 2017.

Applications should be accompanied by the attached application form completed by each of the candidates. A copy of the following documents should also be submitted together with the application form:

- National Identity card (or passport)
- University Degree
- Transcript of records
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter stating the reasons for participating in the course

The application form must be sent by e-mail or post, together with all the supporting documents, to the:

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E-mail: ioc@internationaloliveoil.org

A copy of the application and of all the supporting documents must also be sent to the Director of the Programme:

Prof. Sebastián Sánchez Villasclaras.
Departamento de Ingeniería Química, Ambiental y de los Materiales
Centros de Estudios Avanzados en Olivar y Aceite de Oliva
Universidad de Jaén
Tel: 953 21 22 19
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ANNEX III - APPLICATION FORM

- XII Master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology
- XIV Expert Diploma in the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oils

Personal Information

Family Name:

First Name:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Nationality:

Professional Information

Background (University Degree):

Place of Work (Institution/Company):

Present Position:

Duties:

Correspondence Address

Street and Number:

City:

Post Code:

Country:

Telephone (with country code):

E-mail:



Languages:

| LANGUAGE | SPOKEN | READ | WRITTEN |
|----------|--------|------|---------|
| Spanish | | | |
| English | | | |
| Others | | | |
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Accompanying Documents*

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| University degree | |
| Transcript of records | |
| Curriculum vitae | |
| Letter stating reasons for applying (detailed description of the motives for requesting the scholarship), the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities | |
| Other (indicate) | |

* A copy of the documents will suffice. Upon registration, the selected participants should present the original documents together with a copy. University degrees and transcripts of records issued outside Spain should be certified through diplomatic channels following the instructions that will be duly provided.



ANNEX IV - PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP. SCHOLARSHIP EXCLUSION, SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA DEFINED TO ENABLE SUBSEQUENT EVALUATION.

Principles governing scholarships

- The aim of the scholarship is to help achieve the objectives defined in the current International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives.
- Non-profit principle: the scholarships may not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit for the beneficiary.
- Non-retroactivity principle: expenditure incurred prior to the signature of the agreement awarding the scholarship is not covered.
- Non-cumulation principle: one application may give rise to the award of one scholarship only to any one beneficiary per financial year.
- Principles of advertising, transparency and equal treatment.

Exclusion criteria

The exclusion criteria are designed to evaluate the eligibility of applicants.

Applicants will be excluded from participating in the procedure for this call for proposals if:

- (a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b) they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- (c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- (d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- (e) they have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the financial interests of the IOC;



- (f) following another award procedure, they have been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations;
- (g) are subject to a conflict of interest;
- (h) are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation or fail to supply that information.

Applicants must sign declarations on honour (templates appended in Annex V) to attest that they are not in any of the above situations.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria will be such as to make it possible to assess the applicant's ability to complete the proposed action/work programme.

Applicants must have the professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action or work programme.

In the case of the **Master's** scholarships, for selection candidates must satisfy the following university criteria:

- *University degree*, preferably in agronomy, biology, agricultural industry or food technology
- *Reading knowledge of English*, necessary to follow part of the material distributed during the course

In the case of the **expert diploma**, the university requires candidates conform to one of the following profiles:

- Graduates holding a degree in Chemical Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Food Science and Technology, Pharmacology, Biological Sciences, Environmental and Business Studies.
- Specialised engineers and technical experts in the areas of chemistry, agronomy, forestry and industry.
- University graduates.
- Directors, managers and person in charge of oil mills and cooperatives or producer unions, packing companies or olive oil exporters and public or private testing laboratories.



Proficiency in Spanish, which will be the working language of these courses, is necessary in both cases. Candidates should also be working, researching or have a study background in the olive sector.

In the case of the expert diploma, candidates must also be suitably trained with expert knowledge of olive oil organoleptic assessment.

Award criteria

The award criteria are designed to evaluate the quality of the applications.

The merits of the applicants and work, research or study background in the olive sector will be the criteria used for the award of the scholarships

Prior knowledge of Spanish is compulsory to participate in these trainings.

In the case of the Master's degree, reading knowledge of English will also be taken into consideration. Being supported by the Heads of Delegation will also be considered an asset.

In the expert diploma, nomination by the competent authority in the applicant's country as being the head of a laboratory responsible for the official control of virgin olive oils through sensory analysis will be considered positively. Being a head of panel in an IOC recognised panel or one of its panellists and working in an olive oil quality official control institution will also be considered positively and more if the application is supported by the head of delegation.

The content of the letter stating reasons for applying (detailed description of the motives for requesting the scholarship) and the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities will also be taken into account.

In case of equal situation of candidates from the same country, the younger candidate will be selected.

For the award of scholarships, the broadest geographical diversity will be intended.

The award of the scholarships is subject to budget availability.



| MASTER'S AWARD CRITERIA | POINTS |
|---|--------|
| 1st stage | |
| ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (MERITS) | 80 |
| WORKING, RESEARCHING OR HAVE A STUDY BACKGROUND IN THE OLIVE SECTOR (MASTER) | 20 |
| 2nd stage (only candidates with more than 60 points) | |
| Being supported by the Head of Delegation | |
| Age (priority will be established inversely to age increase) | |
| Letter stating reasons for applying (detailed description of the motives for requesting the scholarship) & the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities | |



| AWARD CRITERIA EXPERT DIPLOMA | POINTS (Maximum 100) |
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| 1st stage | |
| ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (MERITS) | 50 |
| WORKING, RESEARCHING OR HAVE A STUDY BACKGROUND IN THE OLIVE SECTOR (non-cumulative points) | |
| Nomination by the competent authority in the applicant's country as being the head of a laboratory responsible for the official control of virgin olive oils or being a head of panel in an IOC recognised panel supported by a head of delegation | 40 |
| Working in an olive oil quality official control institution supported by a head of delegation | 30 |
| Being a panellist in an IOC recognised panel supported by a head of delegation | 20 |
| Being a panel leader in a IOC recognised panel | 15 |
| Working in an olive oil quality official control institution | 10 |
| Being a panellist in an IOC recognised panel | 7 |
| Directors, managers and person in charge of oil mills and cooperatives or producer unions, packing companies or olive oil exporters and public or private testing laboratories (not included in the previous options) | 5 |
| AGE (priority will be established inversely to age increase) | 10 |



ANNEX V – TEMPLATES

Formulaire d'attestation sur l'honneur relatif aux critères d'exclusion et formulaire relatif au conflit d'intérêts

Formulaire relatif aux critères d'exclusion

Le soussigné :

Nom du bénéficiaire:

Adresse légale :

Numéro d'identification fiscale:

Nom du signataire du formulaire :

Déclare sur l'honneur que:

- a) N'est pas en état ou ne fait pas l'objet d'une procédure de faillite, de liquidation, de règlement judiciaire ou de concordat préventif, de cessation d'activité, ou n'est pas dans une situation analogue résultant d'une procédure de même nature existant dans les législations et réglementations nationales ;
- b) N'a pas fait l'objet d'une condamnation prononcée par un jugement ayant autorité de chose jugée pour tout délit affectant sa moralité professionnelle ;
- c) N'a pas commis de faute grave en matière professionnelle, constatée par tout moyen que les pouvoirs adjudicateurs peuvent justifier ;
- d) A rempli ses obligations relatives au paiement des cotisations de sécurité sociale ou ses obligations relatives au paiement de ses impôts selon les dispositions légales du pays où il est établi ou celles du pays du pouvoir adjudicateur ou encore celles du pays où la bourse doit s'exécuter ;
- e) N'a pas fait l'objet d'un jugement ayant autorité de chose jugée pour fraude, corruption, participation à une organisation criminelle ou toute autre activité illégale portant atteinte aux intérêts financiers du COI ;
- f) Ne fait pas l'objet d'une sanction administrative pour s'être rendu(e) coupable de fausses déclarations lors de la communication des renseignements exigés par le pouvoir adjudicateur pour sa participation dans une procédure d'attribution de bourses, pour n'avoir pas fourni ces renseignements ou pour avoir été déclaré(e) en défaut grave d'exécution en raison du non-respect de ses obligations dans le cadre d'une Convention de bourse financée par le budget.

Signature (et nom complet) :

Date :



Formulaire relatif au conflit d'intérêts

Le soussigné :

Nom du bénéficiaire:

Adresse légale :

Numéro d'identification fiscale:

Nom du signataire du formulaire:

Déclare sur l'honneur que:

N'a aucun conflit d'intérêts en ce qui concerne la convention de la bourse ; un conflit d'intérêts pourrait résulter notamment d'intérêts économiques, d'affinités politiques ou nationales, de liens familiaux ou sentimentaux, ou de tout autre type de relations ou d'intérêts communs ;

Fera connaître au COI, sans délai, toute situation constitutive d'un conflit d'intérêts ou susceptible de conduire à un conflit d'intérêts ;

N'a pas fait, et s'engage à ne pas faire, d'offre, de quelque nature que ce soit, dont un avantage pourrait être tiré au titre de la bourse ;

N'a pas consenti, recherché, cherché à obtenir ou accepté, et s'engage à ne pas consentir, rechercher, chercher à obtenir ou à accepter d'avantage financier ou autre, en faveur ou de la part d'une quelconque personne constituant une pratique illégale ou relevant de la corruption, directement ou indirectement, en tant qu'incitation ou récompense liée à l'octroi de la bourse;

Que les informations fournies au COI dans le cadre du présent appel à propositions sont exactes, sincères et complètes.

Signature (et nom complet) :

Date :