



Call for applications for scholarships for the International Expert Course in virgin olive oils tasting (University of Jaén). 19th edition, 2022

As part of its technical cooperation and training programme for 2022, the International Olive Council plans to award 25 scholarships for the *International Expert Course in virgin olive oils tasting*, taught at the University of Jaén (Spain). These scholarships cover registration fees, travel costs at the beginning and end of the course as well as three monthly payments of €860 (to cover board, lodging and insurance).

The course will cover the theoretical principles and methodology for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil and the analysis of the factors and the positive and negative attributes that define sensory quality in relation to cultural practices, processing methods and other general physical and chemical quality control parameters. The course will begin on 26 September and will end on 20 December 2022. All course details can be found in the brochure attached in appendix I.

The course will be given in Spanish and English simultaneously. Participants whose first language is not Spanish are recommended to participate in the intensive Spanish tuition organised by the University of Jaén at the beginning of September.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2022. To apply, candidates must send to iooc@internationaloliveoil.org the application form attached in appendix II, a cover letter, a photocopy of their ID or passport, a copy of their university degrees and certificates, language skills diplomas and a brief resume/CV providing at least the following information:

1. Full name (first name in lower case, surname in capitals)
2. Full address, specifying town/city, post code and country
3. Telephone number (preferably mobile and direct landline)
4. Email address (private and work)
5. Tax identification number or passport number
6. Date of birth
7. Nationality
8. Area of specialisation
9. Current job: company/institution, post, duties, etc.
10. Prior job experience: companies/institutions, posts, duties, etc.
11. Qualifications: degrees/courses, university/centre, date, etc.
12. Language skills (at least English and Spanish)

The course is aimed for:

- Engineers, graduates, architects, bachelors/masters degree:



- i. Graduates in chemistry, chemical engineering, food technology, pharmacy, biology, environmental, biotechnology, and business and administration.
 - ii. Bachelors and masters in engineering, specialties in chemistry, food, agriculture, forestry, environmental mechanical, electrical, electronic and industrials.
 - iii. Graduates at university level.
- Producers, technical personnel of olive industry, and those interested: directors, managers and responsible for oil mills, cooperatives or unions of producers, of packing companies or exporters of olive oils, and public or private laboratories of quality control.

Participants must have training or initial experience in the olive sector.

Full-time commitment is required; participants must not engage in any other professional activities when taking the course.

These scholarships will only be awarded to nationals of IOC Member Countries who meet all the requirements of the selection process.

Successful candidates will be chosen based on their profile and their knowledge of Spanish or English.

The award of scholarships is subject to budgetary availability.

The submission of applications does not in any way oblige the IOC to select candidates supported by its Members.

The principles governing the scholarship and the criteria for exclusion, selection and award of the subsequent evaluation are outlined in appendix II.

Candidates may be excluded from the selection process. The IOC may request additional documents from candidates or ask them to clarify the documents submitted.

Scholarships may be managed by another body, usually the university.



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APPENDIX I - International Expert course in virgin olive oils tasting (Brochure)



APPENDIX II - APPLICATION FORM

19TH EDITION INTERNATIONAL EXPERT COURSE IN VIRGIN OLIVE OILS TASTING
- 2022

Personal information

Last name:
First name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Nationality:

Studies

University degree:
University:
Years of study:
Other studies:

Professional information

Workplace (institution/company):
Current employment:
Duties:
Address:
Website:

Previous employment

Workplace (institution/company):
Position:
Duties:
Address:
Website:

Address for correspondence

Street and number:
City: Postcode: Country:
Telephone (include country code):
Fax:
Email:



Languages (VG=Very good, G=Good, M=Medium, I=Insufficient)

LANGUAGE	SPEAKING	READING	WRITING
Spanish			
English			
Others			

Supporting documents*

University degree	
Transcript of grades	
CV	
Motivation letter (detailed description of the reasons for applying, expected impact of scholarship on applicant's activities).	
Language certificates	
Other (indicate)	

* A copy of the documents will suffice. When registering, participants will have to present the original documents with a copy. University degrees and transcripts of records issued outside Spain must be certified through diplomatic channels in accordance with the instructions that will be duly provided by the university.



APPENDIX III - PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP: EXCLUSION, SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA OF SCHOLARSHIPS DEFINED FOR FURTHER EVALUATION

The principles governing the scholarships

- The objective of the scholarships is to help achieve the objectives set out in the current International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives.
<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ENGLISH-AGREEMENT-2015.pdf>
- Principle of non-profit: grants may not have the purpose or effect of generating a profit for the beneficiary.
- Principle of non-retroactivity: expenses incurred before the formal award of the grant are not covered.
- Principle of non-cumulation: a single application may give rise to the award of a grant to only one beneficiary per financial year.
- Principles of publicity, transparency and equal treatment.

Exclusion criteria

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

Candidates will be excluded from this call for applications if:

- They are not nationals of IOC Member Countries.
- They do not meet the requirements of the university.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria make it possible to assess the applicant's capacity to complete the proposed activity/work programme.

Applicants must have the skills and qualifications required to carry out the proposed work programme.

To be selected for a scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Academic requirements: engineers, graduates, architects, bachelors/masters degree holders:
 - i. Graduates in chemistry, chemical engineering, food technology, pharmacy, biology, environmental, biotechnology, and business and administration.
 - ii. Bachelors and masters in engineering, specialties in chemistry, food, agriculture, forestry, environmental mechanical, electrical, electronic and industrials.
 - iii. Graduates at university level.
- Professional requirements: producers, technical personnel of olive industry, and those interested: directors, managers and responsible for oil mills,



cooperatives or unions of producers, of packing companies or exporters of olive oils, and public or private laboratories of quality control.

- Have a sound knowledge of Spanish or English, which will be the working languages of the course.

Applicants must demonstrate that they work, conduct research or train in the olive sector.

Award criteria

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

The criteria used to award the scholarships are the merits of the candidates and their work, research or study experience in the olive sector, particularly in public or private laboratories of quality control.

Prior knowledge of Spanish or English is required to participate in this course.

Support from Member representatives will be considered an asset.

The cover letter should set out the reasons for applying to the programme (detailed description of the reasons why a scholarship is required) and the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities.

Should two candidates from the same country reach a tie, the younger candidate will be selected.

The greatest possible geographical diversity will be sought when awarding of scholarships.

The allocation of scholarships is subject to budgetary availability.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP	POINTS
ACADEMIC TRAINING (MERITS)	40
WORK, RESEARCH OR STUDY IN THE OLIVE SECTOR	60
Support from Member representatives	7
Cover letter with reasons for applying (detailed description of the reasons for requesting scholarship) and the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities.	3