



Call for applications for a scholarship for a Master's degree as part of the training activities of the IOC to encourage technology transfer, research and postgraduate studies. XV Edition September 2023-June 2024; September 2024-June 2025

As part of its training and technical cooperation activities to encourage research and strengthen the skills of technical managers in the olive sector, the International Olive Council (IOC) plans to award four scholarships for the master's degree in Olive Growing and Oil Technology in 2023 <http://www.masterolivicultura.org/>.

The programme has been organised in collaboration with the University of Córdoba (UCO); the Consejería de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Desarrollo Sostenible de la Junta de Andalucía (CAP); the Instituto Andaluz de Investigación y Formación Agraria, Pesquera, Alimentaria y de la Producción Ecológica (IFAPA); the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) through the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza; the Spanish Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC); the Fundación Patrimonio Comunal Olivarero (FPCO); and the IOC.

The master programme will be given exclusively in Spanish and a full-time commitment is required. The specific conditions and details of the master's programme can be check in the master's website: <https://www.masterolivicultura.org/>.

The IOC scholarships for the master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology are granted to support professionals in the fields of olive growing and olive oil technology. The goals are to encourage research, meet the growing demand for specialised technicians in the sector, facilitate the transfer of technology and the sharing of information and experiences and cultivate cooperative relationships between participants.

The scholarships cover registration fees, travel costs at the beginning and end of each academic year as well as a monthly stipend of €860. However, they may be managed by another body, usually the University.

Applications must be sent until **March 30, 2023** to iooc@internationaloliveoil.org and be accompanied by the application form attached in Annex I (one per candidate). They **should also** be uploaded to http://www.masterolivicultura.org/index_in.html.

Participants in the master's programme must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a university degree, preferably in agronomy, agricultural industries or food technology.
- Proficiency in Spanish, which will be the working language of the course.
- *Reading knowledge of English*, necessary to follow part of the material distributed during the course.



- Have training or initial experience in the olive sector.

Copies of the following should be sent to the IOC and the university with the application form:

- National identity card (or passport)
- University degree
- Transcript of records
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter stating reasons for applying

The master's programme takes place over two academic years. The first year covers the postgraduate specialisation course, and the second is an introduction to research, leading to the preparation of the Master of Science thesis.

Only students who pass all exams in the postgraduate specialisation course with a mark above 7/10 will be awarded an IOC scholarship for the second year. The subject of the thesis may also condition the award of the scholarship for the second year.

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

Support from the Head of Delegation or from an official public administration organisation from the member country will be considered an asset.

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

The award of scholarships is subject to budgetary availability.

Successful candidates will be chosen based on their file. The principles governing the scholarship and the criteria for exclusion, selection and award of the subsequent evaluation are outlined in Annex II.

Please note that some candidates may be excluded from the selection process. The IOC may also request additional documents from candidates or ask them to clarify the documents submitted.

Before the course begins, participants will have to provide proof that they have health insurance. The Master's Office at the UCO will be able to provide information on this subject.