



APPENDIX ANNEX II - PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP. CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION, SELECTION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS DEFINED FOR FURTHER EVALUATION

The principles governing the scholarships

- The objective of the exchange is to help achieve the objectives set out in the current [International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives](#).
- 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 the procedure of 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 **master's** scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a university degree, preferably in agronomy, agricultural industries or food technology.
- Have a sound knowledge of Spanish, which will be the working language of the course. For candidates whose first language is not Spanish, an intensive course is expected to be organised by the University in September 2023. The Cervantes Institute has a virtual Spanish language classroom for learning Spanish online. We suggest that students whose first language is not Spanish should register for these courses before their arrival in September. For more information, visit <http://ave.cervantes.es>, where the information is given in several languages.



- *Reading knowledge of English, necessary to follow part of the material distributed during the course.*

Applicants must demonstrate that they work, conduct research or have been trained 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.

Prior knowledge of Spanish is required to participate in this course. Knowledge of written English will also be taken into account.

Support from the representative or from a public administration institution of the member country will also 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 in the awarding of scholarships.

The allocation of scholarships is subject to budgetary availability.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE MASTER'S DEGREE	POINTS
ACADEMIC TRAINING (MERITS)	70
WORK, RESEARCH OR STUDY IN THE OLIVE SECTOR	20
Support from a member country	7
Cover letter with the reasons for the application (detailed description of the reasons for which a scholarship is requested) and the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities.	3