



## Call for applications for scholarships for the International Expert Course in virgin olive oils tasting (University of Jaén). 20th edition, 2023

As part of its technical cooperation and training programme for 2023, 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 and lodging) and the university 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 25 September and will end on 20 December 2023.

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 March 2023.** To apply, candidates must send to [iooc@internationaloliveoil.org](mailto:iooc@internationaloliveoil.org) the application form attached in appendix I, 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 have 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.

Support from the country representative or from an official public administration organisation from the member country will also be considered an asset.

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.