



The Woodrow Wilson Center's Mexico Institute and the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations

Announce this year's

MEXICO PUBLIC POLICY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations are pleased to announce this year's Mexico Scholars Program. Successful applicants will have the option of spending two months this summer (**July 1 –August 23, 2008**) or four months this fall (**September 2-December 22, 2008**) in residence at the Woodrow Wilson Center in the heart of Washington, D.C., where they will carry out advanced, policy-oriented research and writing designed to bridge the gap between the academic and policy communities.

Eligibility

The competition is open to scholars currently residing in Mexico. Applications will be accepted from individuals in academia, business, journalism, government, law, and related professions. Candidates must be currently pursuing research on key public policy issues facing Mexico, which may include Mexico-U.S. relations.

Applicants must have the terminal degree in their field (for academics, this generally means a Ph.D., but other professions have different terminal degrees), and at least eight years of professional or research experience. Preferences will be given to applicants who have published scholarly books or substantial articles in academic or policy-related journals or newspapers.

Scholars must be able to hold a valid passport and J-1 visa and are required to have health insurance. The Center can suggest insurance companies that can provide the appropriate health insurance for short-term stays.

Applicants must be completely fluent in both written and spoken English.

Benefits/Responsibilities of Mexico Public Policy Scholars

This is a residential scholarship. The Wilson Center will provide a \$5,000 per month stipend and office or library carrel space available 24 hours a day. In addition, scholars will have use of a Windows-based personal computer. The Wilson Center Library provides access to digital resources, its book and journal collections, and to the Library of Congress, university and special libraries in the area, and other research facilities.

While at the Wilson Center, Mexican Scholars will be expected to carry out a full schedule of rigorous research and writing based on the topic outlined in the research proposal submitted at the time of application. They will also be expected to participate in workshops, seminars, and conferences organized



by the Center's Latin American Program and Mexico Institute, and in other ways to participate in the intellectual life of the Wilson Center and the larger community of Mexico scholars in Washington.

Although scholars are responsible for locating their own housing in the Washington, D.C. area, the Center provides written material to help facilitate the search process.

Selection Criteria

- a) significance of the proposed research, including the importance and originality of the project;
- b) quality of the proposal in definition, organization, clarity and scope;
- c) capabilities and achievements of the applicant; and
- d) relevance of the project to contemporary policy issues pertaining to Mexico and Mexico-U.S. relations.

A panel of experts will review all applications and make recommendations for appointment to the Wilson Center's president.

Procedures and Deadline for Applications

The application deadline is **April 30, 2008**. Applicants should indicate their preference of a summer or fall residence and submit the following materials electronically to Comexi at becawilsoncentercomexi@gmail.com or becawilsoncenter-comexi@consejomexicano.org:

- a) a brief (4 - 6 double-spaced pages) description of their proposed research project, its scholarly contribution, and its policy relevance. Project descriptions should include:
 - a detailed explanation of the research topic;
 - discussion of the project's originality;
 - discussion of the methods, approaches, sources, and materials to be used, and, where appropriate, the importance of Washington-area resources; and
 - discussion of the significance of the project as well as its relevance to contemporary Mexico-related or U.S.-Mexico policy issues.
- b) a c.v. or resume
- c) two letters of recommendation

Applicants should request that the two letters of recommendation be sent to the same email address. Recommendation letters should address the quality of the research proposal; the significance of the proposed research; the capabilities and achievements of the applicant; and the relevance of the project to contemporary Mexico-related or U.S.-Mexico policy issues.