

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## RESEARCH ABROAD PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

### ESTANCIA INTERNACIONAL SPRING SEMESTER 2025

Tecnológico de Monterrey aims to offer its high-performing students a multicultural environment that provides a global perspective and academic and personal development in prestigious international institutions. The Vice Rector's Office for Internationalization, in collaboration with the EIC and the research laboratories of UIUC, invites pre-graduate students to conduct research abroad in the Spring semester of 2025.

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled in the fifth semester by the time of applying to this call.
- A minimum of 72 credits approved at the time of applying.
- A minimum general average of 90.
- High English language certificate: TOEFL iBT 80, TOEFL ITP 550, or IELTS 6.5 (current)
- Previous participation and experience in research projects are especially desirable and considered an asset.

#### GUIDELINES

- It is the candidate's responsibility to read carefully the information on possible research projects and additional information on the center or laboratory and scientists associated with the research project of their interest.
- This program does not include accommodation, food, or personal expenditure. Students must have sufficient funds and appropriate Medical and Liability Insurance per hosting university guidelines to support themselves at URBANA-CHAMPAIGN for the duration of the research stay. Please consider the [living costs](#).
- Students are required to pay a fee for the University visa DS-2019 and GET services Processing Fee: 1260 USD in addition to visa fees paid to US Embassy and Campus Undergraduate Fees (w/Health Insurance Waiver): 1620 USD.
- In addition to the medical insurance a general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 500,000 USD is required.

- In addition to COVID-19 vaccine, the students must provide a certified translation of vaccination records according to the following guidelines: <https://mckinley.illinois.edu/new-student-faq>
- A professor from Tecnológico de Monterrey will supervise the student's performance and monitor the compliance of the research objectives to assign a grade to the student.

## PROJECTS

Students may apply to the project according to their major.

# Spots	Major	Project name
2	IBT	Food Science & Human Nutrition: Lactic Acid Bacteria focused research
1	LAET, LEM, LIN, BGB, LDE	Cultural orientation and political polarization across the globe
1	IBT	Gene expression related to host-microbiota interaction during increased inflammation
1	IBT	Reduction of cardiovascular disease by examining carotenoids and lipid metabolism
1	IBT	Diet and nutrition influence on hormone action for postmenopausal women and breast cancer survivors
1	IBT	Role of hormone receptors in protecting against obesity and subsequent diabetes
1	IBT	How environmental factors such as nutrition and stress alter communication between the resident microbiota, intestine, and brain

## HOW TO APPLY

**1.** Update the profile at:

MITEC -> **MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL** -> **ESTUDIANTE INTERESADO** -> **ACTUALIZA TU PERFIL**

Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnr9vVDgY1w>

**2.** Once the profile has been validated, send the application:

MITEC -> **MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL** -> **ESTUDIANTE SOLICITANTE** -> **REALIZA TU SOLICITUD**

Code: EUA-5EII-418A

Period: Febrero – Junio 2025 (Preselección)

Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdl18kp7DeI>

Consider that the preselection programs are not part of the regular application calendar for the study abroad and international exchange programs. Therefore, if this is a research abroad program of higher interest, the only code to register for on the application is **EUA-5EII-418A**. There is no need to include any other program or code. Shortly after the application is sent, the student will receive an e-mail requiring them to log into the platform and accept a “pre-selection”. Please consider this is only an automated platform status to continue with the next step, and it is NOT the

official selection of students. The International Programs Office will inform the official selection by e-mail on October 16, 2024.

### 3. Documents submission:

MITEC -> **MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL** -> **ESTUDIANTE SOLICITANTE** -> **ENTREGA DE DOCUMENTOS DE ADMISIÓN**

Once pre-selection status on the platform is accepted, the student can submit their listed documents.

## DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

Submit all documents in **PDF** format:

1. **Motivation letter.** Present a letter in English addressed as “Dear Professor” to explain the reasons and interest to participate in the project, and the contributions the applicant might add; 1 page maximum.
2. **CV.** Free format in English.
3. **English language proficiency certificate:** TOEFL iBT 80, TOEFL ITP 550, or IELTS 6.5 (current)
4. **Two letters of recommendation** in English issued by your professors.
5. **Evidence of teamwork skills, leadership, and proactivity** (participation in student groups, social activities, representative teams, outstanding work done as a team leading the respective team, etc.) The evidence may be photos that include a brief description or a portfolio.
6. **A scanned copy of the passport.** It must be valid for at least 6 months after your return to Mexico.
7. **Project selection.** In this [format](#), the candidates register for the project they are interested in according to their major.

**Application and document submission deadline: September 5, 2024**

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline, without exception. Incomplete documents will not be considered to participate in the program. Candidates with incomplete documentation will be disqualified.

## SELECTION PROCESS

It is divided into two parts:

1. **Pre-selection by the Tec de Monterrey.** It involves a review of the files, an analysis, and evaluation of the candidates based on the documentation and requirements. Tec de Monterrey will send the pre-selected candidates’ files to the URBANA-CHAMPAIGN professors for the next phase.
2. **Selection by the researchers from URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**
  - a. They will analyze each candidate's file.

- b. If selected for the interview, the URBANA-CHAMPAIGN researchers will arrange an appointment via video call in English.
- c. Report from URBANA-CHAMPAIGN leading researchers to the Tec de Monterrey delegate.

Once the selection process concludes, the selected students will receive an e-mail from the International Programs Office on October 16, 2024, and the instructions to complete the enrolment.

## TO THE SELECTED STUDENTS

- Be fully aware that a selected student is representing this institution. Thus, in addition to complying with the norms and standards of the respective research center or laboratory, without exception, the student will be obliged to always comply with the institutional values and the General Regulation of Students of Tec de Monterrey, which applies when the students of our institution are abroad.
- The commitment of the selected student to participate in the research project in an active and committed way, with an attitude of learning and contribution always.
- Under no circumstances the selected student will be able to seek additional work to support themselves during the stay. It is important to take this point into account since it is a very serious matter for the immigration authorities of the United States.
- The work schedule will be defined by the mentors of the project in which they will participate and must be fully complied with.
- Due to the nature of the projects and the intellectual property involved, the student must sign a confidentiality agreement.
- The time will be determined by the URBANA-CHAMPAIGN researcher in conjunction with the Tec student, as well as any change in dates.
- Students must have sufficient funds to support themselves at URBANA-CHAMPAIGN for their stay. This call does not include accommodation, food or any other derived from your research stay in the selected laboratory or center.
- Accepted students are expected to complete and pay for the corresponding visa process including any related fees that URBANA-CHAMPAIGN dictates.

## REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF COURSES

The program has a minimum duration of 18 weeks. Students will enroll at Tecnológico de Monterrey in the academic period of February – June 2025, 18 credits per semester. Students, in conjunction with

the Academic Coordinator, should evaluate the transfer of the credits to the study plan before the student participates in the research abroad program.

The academic units (subjects) that will receive credits for the research abroad program must be defined and authorized by the Academic Coordinator. It is the student's responsibility to validate with the Academic Coordinator the availability of the academic units of the study plan to be accredited by the project they will participate in. Once this plan has been determined, students must complete their registration in the International Programs platform:

**MITEC -> MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL -> ESTUDIANTE SOLICITANTE -> REGISTRA TUS MATERIAS**

A professor from Tec de Monterrey will evaluate the student's research abroad and grade the academic performance according to the [policy](#).

## TUITION AND OTHER FEES

The tuition fee to be paid will be directly at the corresponding Tecnológico de Monterrey campus. Payment will be made according to the number of units/credits registered in the period of February – June 2025.

Selected students pay the following fees:

- Participation fee: 1,600 MXN. Payment may be made in MiTec.
- University visa DS-2019 and GET services Processing Fee: 1260 USD in addition to visa fees paid to US Embassy.
- Campus Undergraduate Fees (w/Health Insurance Waiver): 1620 USD

In addition to the medical insurance a general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 500,000 USD is required

In addition to covid 19 vaccine, the students should provide a certified translation of vaccination records according to the following guidelines: <https://mckinley.illinois.edu/new-student-faq>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any point not covered in this call will be resolved by the selection committee in conjunction with the proper authority of Tecnológico de Monterrey as the case may be. Please consider that this call is subject to change without notice; this might involve costs, projects, vacancies, dates, or any other. Any situation or doubt regarding the application process should be communicated promptly to the [International Programs Office](#).