



FACT SHEET RESEARCH STAYS 2026 – 2027

General Coordination of Graduate Studies
Internationalization Coordination

General Information

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Academic Information

Academic Calendar:

Semester 2027-2: February-June 2027

- Start: 02/02/2027
- End: 11/06/2027

Orientation and in-person course registration: 25/01/2027

Semester 2028-1: August-December 2027

- Start: 09/08/2027
- End: 10/12/2027

Orientation and in-person course registration: 02/08/2027

See full academic calendar [here](#).

Academic Offer:

The UNAM Graduate System Offers 42 graduate programs, organized into four major fields of study:

- Physical-Mathematical and Engineering Sciences
- Biological, Chemical and Health Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Humanities and Arts

See full academic offer [here](#).

Important Dates

Stage	Semester 2027-2 (Feb - Jun 2027)	Semester 2028-1 (Aug - Dec 2027)
Nomination	Sept 01 - Oct 08, 2026	Mar 01 - Apr 08, 2027
Student Application	Sep 07 - Oct 15, 2026	March 08 - Apr 15, 2027
Document Review by Graduate Program	Oct 16 - Nov 13, 2026	Apr 16 - May 14, 2027
Results	From Nov 23, 2026	From May 24, 2027

Program Requirements

Academic Activity – Research Stay

- Must be currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program.
- Begin the stay at the start of the UNAM academic semester in case to consider taking courses ([see calendar here](#)).
- Have an active research project.
- Undertake a research stay with a minimum period of 3 months and a maximum of 12 months.
- Indicate in the nomination letter whether course enrollment is required.
- Enroll only in courses offered by the same graduate program as the tutor, in accordance with the official semester calendar.
- No activities can be undertaken during UNAM holiday periods, as university facilities remain closed.

Finding a Tutor

- Contact a faculty member from the [list](#) of tutors of the graduate program of interest.
- State the intention of undertaking a research stay under their supervision.
- Request, if accepted, an official invitation letter specifying the tutor's graduate program as well as the exact start and end dates of the stay.

Nomination Process

The Student Exchange Office of the home institution must send the **nomination letter** to: movilidad-entrante-ci@posgrado.unam.mx.

The nomination letter must include:

- Full name of the student applicant
- Master's or doctoral program at the home institution
- Student email address
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Graduate program at UNAM to the tutor who will receive the student is assigned
- Academic activity: Research stay / Research stay and take courses
- Proposed dates of the stay at UNAM (dd/mm/yyyy).

After nomination letter is received, nominated students will receive an email with instructions and a link to complete an online form. They must attach the following documents (in PDF), plus one photo (in JPG):

- Front-facing ID photo with **white background** (JPG)
- Certificate of enrollment in a master's or doctoral program from the home university
- Transcript of records from the home University
- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages)
- Copy of most recent degree (bachelor's or master's)
- Copy of valid passport (for international students), covering the entire mobility period
- Copy of INE and CURP (for Mexican students)
- Invitation letter from an UNAM tutor, including program and dates
- Work plan (maximum 3 pages) with a schedule of activities
- Commitment letter

Note: The start and end dates of the research stay must be the same in all the documents.

The completed application form will be submitted to the graduate Program for evaluation.
The graduate programs will issue a decision regarding the acceptance or rejection of the research stay.
The student will be **notified the result**, and if applicable, the letter of acceptance will be sent via email movilidad-entrante-ci@posgrado.unam.mx to the student and the home University.

Once the letter has been issued no changes can be made.

Considerations

Language Requirements

- Present a Spanish language certificate, level **B2** (CEFR), for students from non-Spanish speaking countries.
- Some programs may require a **C1** level.

Migration Requirements

- Comply with visa requirements, which depend on the nationality and length of stay. [See Temporary Student Resident Visa](#)
- Obtain the visa and migration documents (responsibility of the student)
- Request the original acceptance letter, (if needed) by emailing movilidad-entrante-ci@posgrado.unam.mx

Arrival in Mexico and at UNAM

- Arrive in Mexico a few days before the start of the stay, or one week before the semester begins (if enrolled in courses), to attend orientation and academic registration.
- UNAM does not provide student housing. See accommodation information [here](#).
- International Students must have a medical and accident insurance with coverage in Mexico, including hospitalization, medication and repatriation of remains.
- Mexican students must provide IMSS/ISSSTE health coverage card or a major medical private insurance policy.
- UNAM does not arrange accommodation or provide medical insurance.

Bachelor's Degree Exchange*

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*The application process and requirements differ for bachelor's and graduate programs.