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## DOCTORAL PROGRAM *in* DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

*Perteneciente al Padrón Nacional de Postgrado del Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT).*

*Miembro del Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO).*

# Call for Applications 2009 - 2012



Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas



## INTRODUCTION

The growth of asymmetries between regions and countries, the increase of social inequalities, the widespread of poverty, the expansion of labor migrations, and the environment degradation, has placed the concern with development and the search for alternatives to cope with the severe crisis faced by contemporary capitalism as a central topic in the agenda of international organizations, governments, social and academic institutions at a global scale.

Since its creation in 2003, the Doctoral Program in Development Studies at the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas aims at: a) generating, applying and disseminating knowledge in the topic; b) training highly qualified researchers with theoretical and methodological skills in this field of study; c) influencing in the creation of development alternatives at different levels and dimensions; and d) establishing cooperation links with academic, social and public institutions.

Due to its nature, this Doctoral program offers a critical approach to the development problematic, from a historical and transdisciplinary perspective comprising different levels (global, regional, national and local) as well as analytical dimensions (economy, politics, social, culture, environment and demography).

The Doctoral program is recognized by CONACYT (National Council of Science and Technology) as a high level postgraduate program this allows access to scholarships for both national and international students. The entire Faculty belongs to the SNI (National Researchers System), 70% of which belong to levels II and III, integrating a consolidated academic body.

As part of its conception and academic projection this Doctoral Program distinguishes itself for its highly international profile, seen through the composition of its transnational Faculty and students, its scientific contributions with an international diffusion, its academic mobility and its agreements with prestigious institutions in different countries and regions, some of which are advancing towards the mutual recognition of the degree.

The program is venue to three important scientific networks specialized in the study of different dimensions in the field of development, which combine the effort of researchers from different academic centers both national and international:

- The International Network on Migration and Development (INMD) ([www.migracionydesarrollo.org](http://www.migracionydesarrollo.org))
- The Latin American Network on Nanotechnology and Society (RELANS) [www.estudiosdeldesarrollo.net/relans](http://www.estudiosdeldesarrollo.net/relans) and
- The Critical Development Studies Network (RECD) ([www.critdev.org](http://www.critdev.org))

## RESEARCH TOPICS

1. Migration and development
2. Local, regional development and sustainability
3. Global capital and scientific-technological development

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Relevance and importance of the preliminary research project
- Research experience compatible with the program criteria
- Compromise of exclusive dedication and commitment

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Masters degree or equivalent
- Masters qualifications certificate with an average of 8.5 or equivalent
- Preliminary research project framed in one of the research topics of the program
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intention
- Two academic recommendation letters
- Letter stating full time commitment
- English Proficiency (550 TOEFEL score or equivalent) and for foreigners proof of knowledge in Spanish
- Copy of the most relevant publications or academic essays, including in case of being necessary the Master's Thesis
- Undertake a written examination of knowledge and skills in one of the fields of research
- Undertake an interview with the Admissions committee

## DOCUMENTS RECEPTION

- Fulfill the online application form
- Deadline for document reception: April 30th 2009
- Written evaluation: May 2009
- Interviews: Last week of May 2009
- Communication of results: June 15th 2009
- Courses initiate: August 10th 2009



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