Scholarships at CIC-IPN, Mexico

MSc and PhD

Freedom for research, without worrying about money

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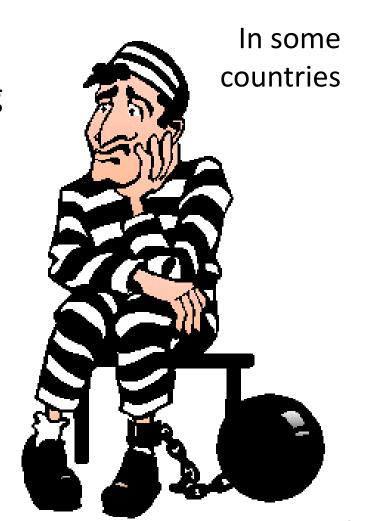


- MSc: ~ US\$ 600, PhD: ~ US\$ 800 per month
- Sufficient to live without working for money
 - Not to get rich quick
 - Rent a room: from \$ 100
 - Eat: from \$ 150
 - Tuition: free \$ 50
 - Spare \$ 500? hmm... won't be much



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- Sufficient to live without working for money
- Optionally* ~ \$ 80 more

- No service required
 - in some countries, teaching assistance or other job
- Not a loan
 - in some countries, loan



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- Gift:
 - graduate and go, no debt

In Mexico



- Given by federal government (CONACYT)
- Given to all students
 - For excellence of department, not individual
 - Everybody* who is enrolled, gets scholarship

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- MSc: 2 years (option* 2.5 years), PhD: 4 years
- Face-to-face, full time
 - 8 hours a day should be there
 - well, exceptions are possible
 - option for stays abroad from months to a year
- Incompatible with other income
 - though...



Stays abroad

- "Mixed scholarship" from the Government
- Government: + ~ 50%; school: ~ \$ 500 once
- In England: "I am hungry"
- From weeks to a year
- To any country
 - no, ought not be your home
- Not obligatory



Need to learn Spanish?

No

- Classes in English OR Spanish, by your choice
- We have students from India, Pakistan, Russia,
 Nigeria not speaking Spanish at all
- People in the street often understand some English
- Well, a plus
 - Easier to live speaking local language a bit
 - Spanish is quite similar to English

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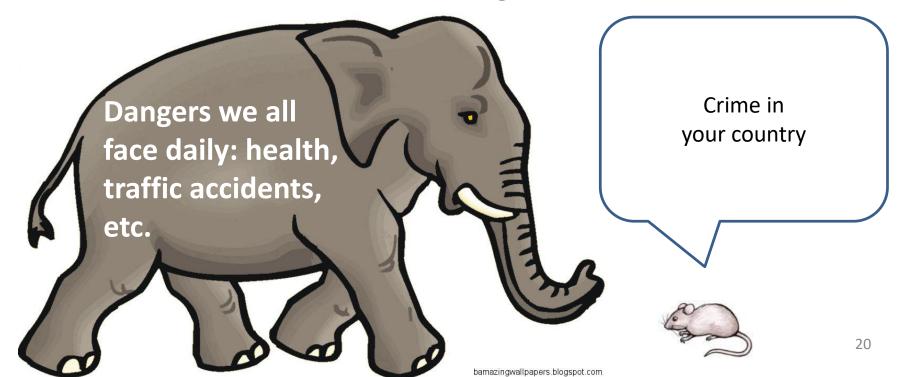
Dangerous?

- No
- Not much more than any country
 - You may be safer in Mexico City than in your home country
 - Imagine all scaring newswe see on TV about your country



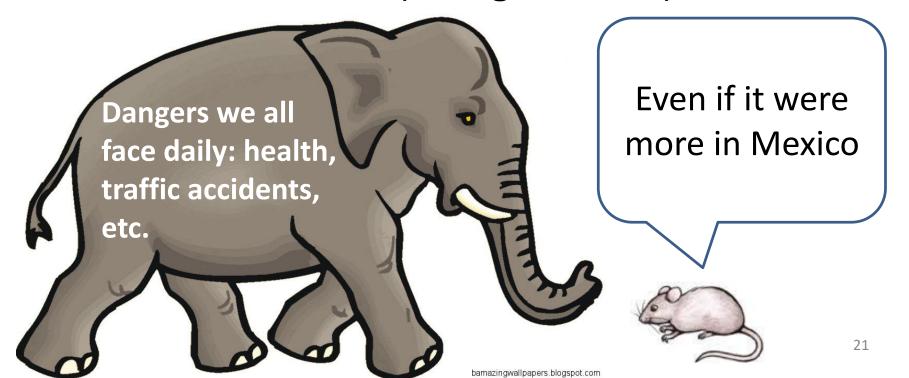
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IPN

- Instituto Politécnico Nacional
- Governmentally run
 - Rector is designated by the President of country
- Second largest
 - 175-300 thousand students
 - 300 schools
- 80 years

CIC

- Centro de Investigación en Computación
- Leader in computers science in Latin America
- Elitist
 - Many governmentally certficied researchers
 - 5 members of Mexican Academy of Sciences
- Small school
 - 200-500 MSc students, 50 PhD students
- Certified program of excelence (= scholarship)



Contact with India / world

- Up to 2 advisors
 - not co-advisors, equal
 - one must be from CIC
- You can keep your current advisor
 - add one from CIC
- Mexico gives \$,
 you work with your current advisor
- Joint publications are expected

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Certified program of excellence

- Very demanding certification
- Gives scholarship to all enrolled students
- Very important criterion: graduation rate
 - not a single day past the deadline
- If certification is lost, death for the program:
 no scholarhip, no students, no publications, ...
- Goal of admission: guarantee graduation

A promise

Not to desert

- because of revolution in your country
- because of an aunty who fell ill at home
- because Microsoft offered you a position
- Defend the thesis on time
 - not a single day past the deadline

- No need to travel
- Everything, well in advance
 - Visa, takes time

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 - in your home country
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 Only math, not English. 170 0 0 is OK.
 - Need to book well in advance!

- No need to travel
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- GRE Revised General Test (math)
- TOEFL / IELTS (or many other options)
 - in your home country
 - US\$ 70
 - MSc: ITP 400 (not IBT)
 - PhD: IBT 75 (not ITP)

- No need to travel
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- PhD: proposal
 - Objetives, metodology, evaluation, resources...
 - Though later you can switch to another topic

Requirements

MSc: Engg

• PhD: MSc

in theory, can be waived

Requirements

- MSc: Engg; PhD: MSc
- Average scores
 - previous level
 - simple average of all subjects taken
 - if you have good average, probably you pass
 - we will need stats from your university or country to evaluate
 - if do not pass, then will miss the scholarhip of first semester, and get it from the second semester

Requirements

- MSc: Engg; PhD: MSc
- Average scores
- PhD: letter from advisor + 3 letters from PhDs
- Documents with apostille
 - Birth certificate
 - Degree certificate (perhaps can be later)
 - Transcript of scores of all semesters
 - This takes time, do it well in advance

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Graduation

- Not to fail subjects (MSc: 10, PhD: 4)
- Not to miss classes / hours (8 hours a day*)
- Write a tesis (~ 100 pages)
- MSc: that's all
 - though it's a great plus to publish, to pass to PhD
 - or, build software
- PhD: a paper in SCIE
 - not conf
 - a plus, several / many

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Programs

- MSc hardware
- MSc software
- PhD (hardware & software)
- More emhpasis on software
- Certified of excellence (= scholarships)
- Research -- not a school
 - Not to just learn how to program
 - You will be a researcher

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Laboratories

- 11 "laboratories" (departments)
- Hardware
 - nano-technology, robotics, CPUs, ...
- Software
 - IA; NLP; neural, quantum, DBs; control; security and criptografy; parallel, ...
 - basically, all CS
- 100+ research lines

Subjects

- PhD: ad-hoc, relevant for your thesis
- MSc:
 - 5 obligatory
 (OS, complexity, advanced programming, ...)
 - 5 you choose, by laboratory
 - Of these, 2-5 "relevant for industry"
 - 5 first semester, 5 second, then thesis
- In English (or Spanish)

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- 3 professors, Russians
- 15-20 students from India, Pakistan, Russia, Colombia, Paraguay, Cuba, Nigeria, Mexico; former: Finland, Belgium, Spain, Peru; advisees in: Korea, England, Colombia

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- 15-20 students from many countries
- PhD preferred, MSc OK
- Contacts with many countries
 - CICLing conference, 8th best in NLP
- National presence
 - Expresidents of Mexican Al Socity, etc.

NLP Lab

International collagoration

- USA: U. Michigan
- UK: U. Wolverhampton
- Singapore: NTU (11th in the world)
- Greece: U. Aegean
- India: NIT Mizoram, Jadavpur U. Kolkata, Amity

etc.

- Natural Language Processing
 - Computational linguistics and language technologies
 - Machine learning for NLP
 - Deep learning for NLP
 - Big data analysis for textual data
 - Semantic web
 - Dialog with robots
 - Text mining
 - Question answering

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- Natural Language Processing
- Social and affective computing
 - Social network analysis; Internet
 - Opinion mining, sentiment analysis, emotion analysis, personality detection
 - Computing for law
 - Plagiarism detection and authorship attribution
 - Music generation

- Natural Language Processing
- Social and affective computing
- Intelligent data analysis
 - Fuzzy logic applications
 - Financial analysis and market analysis
 - Association measures and similarity measures for texts and time series

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- Natural Language Processing
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... and much more

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- Student-driven research planning
 - if you have your own idea, we will work on it
 - we adapt to your interests

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Awards received by students

- Half, graduated with honors
- More than half of PhD graduated, certified (!)
- 4 gold medals from handed by the President
- Microsoft Research Latin America Fellowship
 - "The best and brightest from Latin America"
 - Second woman
 - huge monetary prize

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- Best team in plagiarism detection
 - 27 articles in national press
- 2nd place in question answering, ...



Awards

received by the students advised by Alexander Gelbukh

Membership in SNI - International fellowships and internships - Lázaro Cardenas Gold Medal - Other Important Institutional Awards - National and International Awards - Institutional Awards - International Competitions of Algorithms - Honors Degrees

Membership in SNI

SNI (National System of Researchers) is a certification authority for Mexican researchers funded and supervised by the CONACYT, the Mexican Ministry of Science and Technology. Membership in SNI comes with a substantial monetary award. Mexican scientists are evaluated every four years and can win one of four excellence levels (if any), from Candidate (lowest) to 3 (highest; a distinction of great importance for a Mexican scientist).



- Level 2: Manuel Montes y Gómez, PhD, advisors Alexander Gelbukh and Aurelio López López
- Level 1: Olga Kolesnikova (Russia), PhD, advisor Alexander Gelbukh
- Level 1: Yulia Ledeneva (Russia), PhD, advisor Alexander Gelbukh
- Level 1: Sofía Galicia Haro, PhD, advisors Igor Bolshakov and Alexander Gelbukh
- Level 1: Raúl Morales Carrasco, PhD, advisors Alexander Gelbukh and Ruslan Mitkov
- Level 1: Juan Javier González Barbosa, PhD, advisors Rodolfo Pazos Rangel and Alexander Gelbukh
- Level 1: Francisco Hiram Calvo Castro, PhD, advisor Alexander Gelbukh
- Level 1: José Antonio Zárate Marceleño, PhD, advisors Rodolfo Pazos Rangel and Alexander Gelbukh
- Devel C: Sulema Torres Ramos, PhD, advisor Alexander Gelbukh
- Devel C: Grettel Barceló Alonso (Cuba), PhD, advisors Alexander Gelbukh and Grigori Sidorov
- Devel C: Sabino Miranda Jiménez, PhD, advisors Alexander Gelbukh and Grigori Sidorov
- Level C: Alma Delia Cuevas Rasgado, PhD, advisors Adolfo Guzmán Arenas and Alexander Gelbukh

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International Fellowships and Internships

awarded via an open competition

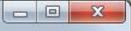


Alisa Zhila (Russia) received a Microsoft Research Latin America Fellowship 2012-2013.

According to Microsoft, the fellows "represent the best and the brightest from Latin America." Two Microsoft Research Latin America Fellowships are awarded each year. The selection procedure was as follows: each Latin American university nominated no more than three candidates; of those pre-selected candidates. Microsoft selected two winners. There were about 60 candidates in this year, from about 40 universities from all Latin American countries

The prize received considerable press coverage, e.g., see an article in Gaceta Politécnica (PDF) and very interesting videos. In Google you can find many press releases about Alisa Zhila.

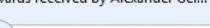
Alisa Zhila was at the time of awarding a PhD student at CIC-IPN (graduated in 2014); advisor: Alexander Gelbukh.





Awards received by Alexander Gel... ×

























Sergio Gonzalo Jiménez Vargas (Colombia) received a Microsoft Research Latin America Internship 2012. The internship includes three months of work at Microsoft Research, with salary paid. Seven Microsoft Research Latin America internships are awarded each year. The selection procedure was as follows: each Latin American university nominated no more than three candidates; of those pre-selected candidates, Microsoft selected seven winners. There were about 60 candidates in this year, from about 40 universities from all Latin American countries.

Sergio Gonzalo Jiménez Vargas is a PhD student at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia: advisor: Alexander Gelbukh.



Alisa Zhila (Russia) received a Microsoft Research Latin America Internship 2012, which was offered to her as a Microsoft Research Fellow. The internship included three months of work at Microsoft Research in Redmont, with salary paid.

Alisa Zhila was at the time of internship a PhD student at CIC-IPN (graduated in 2014); advisor: Alexander Gelbukh.

Alisa Zhila (Russia) was awarded a 3 month internship at Oracle Mexico Development Center, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, 2014.





We expect you to be on this list

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Scholarships:

Master's and PhD in Natural Language Processing

The Natural Language Processing Laboratory of the Center for Computing Research (CIC) of the National Polytechnic Institute (IPN), Mexico City, Mexico, offers a limited number of scholarships to international students for earning Master's or PhD degree in Computer Science with a thesis in the area of Natural Language Processing. After earning a Master's degree, the students are encouraged to apply for the PhD level, and (if they pass) the scholarship is extended accordingly.

Topics include, but are not limited to, all areas of Natural Language Processing (NLP), Computational Linguistics (CL), Human Language Technologies (HLT), and related areas. See our publications and defended theses for examples of our research interests.

Amount of scholarship: Master's 600 USD, PhD: 800 USD per month approx (including vacations; here can be updated info in Spanish). This is quite enough for normal living and renting a room in Mexico City.

Duration: Master's: up to 2 years, PhD: up to 4 years.

Type of program: Research. Both programs are oriented to scientific research and publication rather than to improving your programming skills. Most of our graduates are employed in academia and (governmentally funded) research.

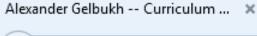
Why study at CIC?

Certification: Our Master's program is one of very few programs in Mexico certified by the Government as an international excellence program.



























500 Selected Publications

Journals Indexed by ISI JCR

Nota: ISI mantiene dos listas: JCR and Social Sciences JCR (JCR SS).

Nota: Véase una publicación JCR más en las reseñas. Véase tres publicaciones más que salieron en revistas que antes fueron indexadas pero no en el año en el cual salió la publicación.

- Alisa Zhila, Alexander Gelbukh. Open Information Extraction from Real Internet Texts in Spanish Using Constraints over Part-Of-Speech Sequences: Problems of the Method, Their Causes, and Ways for Improvement. "Revista Signos. Estudios de Lingüística", ISSN 0718-0934, Vol. 49, No. 90, March, 2016, pp. 119-142, doi: 10.4067/S0718-09342016000100006.
 - SSCI: JCR SS impact factor 2013 (when accepted): 0.182.
- Soujanya Poria, Erik Cambria, Alexander Gelbukh, Federica Bisio, Amir Hussain. Sentiment Data Flow Analysis by Means of Dynamic Linguistic Patterns. IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine, ISSN 1556-603X, Vol. 10, No. 4, 2015, pp. 26–36, doi: 10.1109/MCI.2015.2471215.
 - SSCI: JCR SS impact factor 2014 (when accepted): 2.571.
- Basant Agarwal, Soujanya Poria, Namita Mittal, Alexander Gelbukh, Amir Hussain. Concept-Level Sentiment Analysis with Dependency-Based Semantic Parsing: A Novel Approach. Cognitive Computation, ISSN 1866-9956, Vol. 7, No. 4, 2015, 487–499, doi: 10.1007/s12559-014-9316-6.

SCIE: JCR impact factor 2013: 1.100.

Computational Linguistics

Models, Resources, Applications

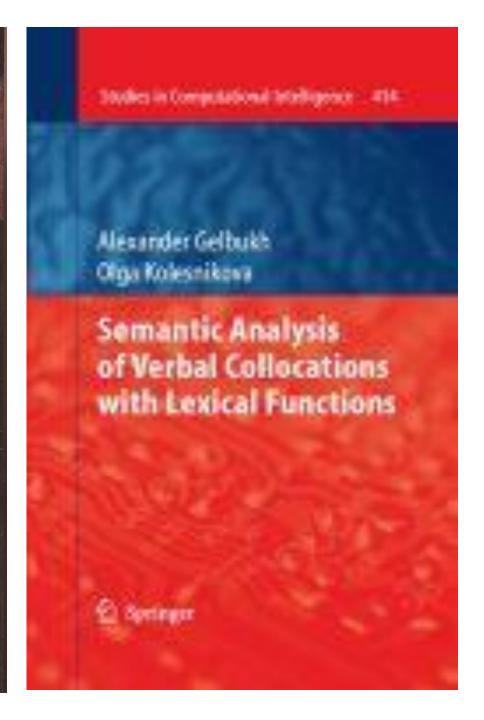
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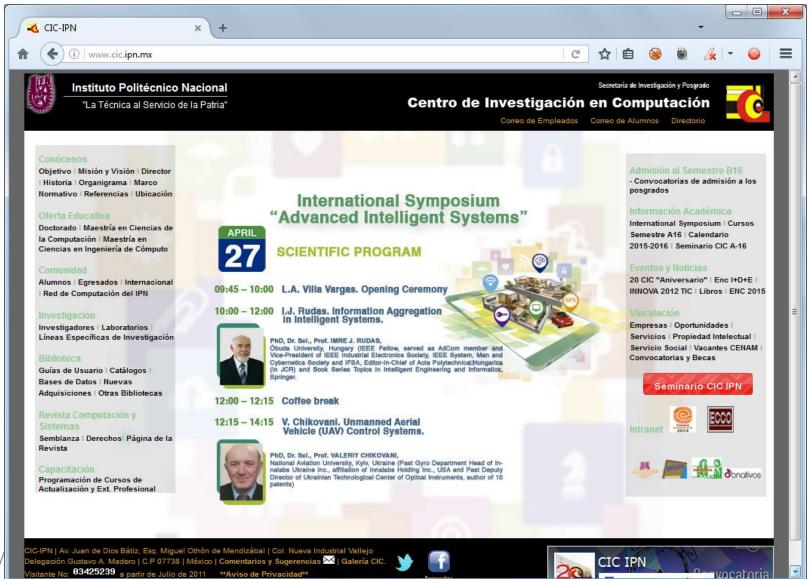








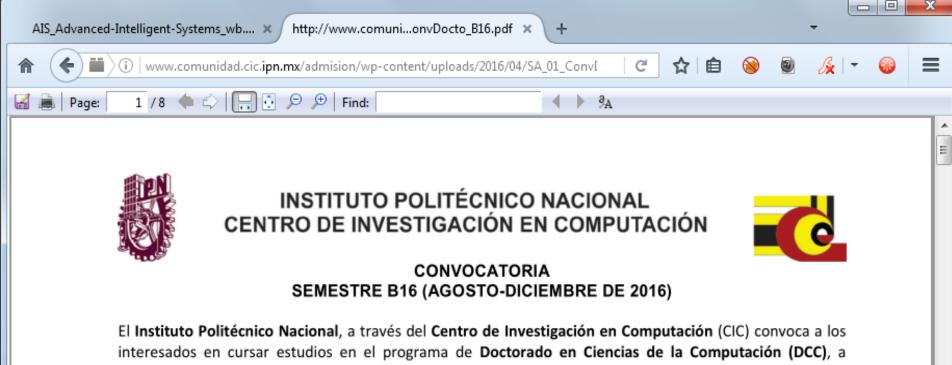
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El Instituto Politécnico Nacional, a través del Centro de Investigación en Computación (CIC) convoca a los interesados en cursar estudios en el programa de Doctorado en Ciencias de la Computación (DCC), a participar en el proceso de admisión para iniciar en el ciclo escolar agosto-diciembre de 2016. El programa de doctorado está registrado en el Programa Nacional de Posgrados de Calidad (PNPC) del CONACyT y se imparte en la modalidad escolarizada para alumnos con dedicación de tiempo completo al programa, bajo las siguientes bases:

DE LOS REQUISITOS GENERALES DE ADMISIÓN

Para ser aceptado en el programa, se deberá cumplir con los requisitos que establece el Reglamento de Estudios de Posgrado (REP-IPN) del IPN, Capítulo 3, Artículos del 29 al 35. Consultar el REP-IPN en la página web www.cic.ipn.mx a través de la liga: Marco Normativo. Adicionalmente, los alumnos aceptados en el DCC, se comprometen a dedicar tiempo completo y exclusivo a sus estudios.

DE LOS DOCUMENTOS QUE INTEGRAN EL EXPEDIENTE DE ADMISIÓN

Para integrar el expediente de admisión al programa, el Aspirante deberá:

- 1) Identificar las líneas de investigación del CIC que sean de su interés;
- 2) Entrevistarse con el o los investigadores que desarrollen dichas líneas de investigación y seleccionar al



Thank you!
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