



MEXICAN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS • STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Mexico Solidarity Network and UAM-Xochimilco partnering for a better world

Application Instructions

Application for the Mexico Solidarity Network Study Abroad program is a three-step process:

- 1) Complete the application and email it to msn@mexicosolidarity.org.
- 2) A telephone interview will be scheduled within two weeks of the time we receive your application.
- 3) Offers of admission will be made within two weeks of the interview. You will then have two weeks to confirm your participation by submitting the necessary confirmation materials and a non-refundable deposit of \$500.

Deadlines

The Study Abroad program has a first-come, first-serve review /admission policy, with limited class space. Early applicants stand a better chance of acceptance, as the program often fills before the stated deadlines.

Application deadlines:

May 1 for Fall semester

November 1 for Spring semester

March 31 for Summer

Application Materials

Your application can be reviewed but is not complete until we receive all of the following:

- 1) \$25 non-refundable application fee: Checks can be made payable to the Mexico-US Solidarity Network, or pay with any major credit card by completing the payment form within this application.
- 2) Completed application
- 3) Two academic or activist references: Email to msn@mexicosolidarity.org.

Prerequisites

You must be at least 18 years old to participate in the study abroad program. While many study abroad applicants will be enrolled in an institution of higher learning, this is not a prerequisite. Successful applicants will have completed at least one year of college Spanish or equivalent mastery of the language.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available from the Mexico Solidarity Network for the Study Abroad program as supplement to financial aid you are already pursuing. To apply for a scholarship, please complete the scholarship form and submit it with your application. Please refer to scholarship application deadlines on our website. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need with preference given to applicants with proven grassroots organizing experience. We also consider our institutional commitment to diversity, and we strongly encourage youth of color to apply for the scholarship program.

Scholarship Application Process

Please submit the following items:

- 1) Scholarship application (must be submitted at the same time the study abroad application is submitted)
- 2) Financial Need Assessment Data Sheet
- 3) Completed application for the study abroad program

Scholarship Deadlines

Complete scholarship applications must be received by the deadlines listed below. Incomplete or late scholarship applications will not be considered.

Scholarship application deadlines:

April 15 for Fall semester

October 15 for Spring semester

March 15 for Summer

Additional Financial Aid

Please check with the financial aid officer of your home institution for additional financial aid opportunities. If you currently receive financial aid at your institution, it is possible that aid will be transferable to the Study Abroad program.

Other Important Considerations

Passport: Valid for at least six months past the last day of the program. If you don't have a passport, or if your passport will expire before this date, please apply for a passport immediately. Special visas are not required for students who spend less than six months in Mexico.

Medical considerations: You are strongly encouraged to contact your physician for a complete discussion of vaccinations or other health measures you might take in preparation for your trip. For more information on current health concerns, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/travel/camerica.htm.



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Application

Email the completed application MSN@MexicoSolidarity.org

Name:

Home address:

City, state, zip:

Permanent address (if different):

City, state, zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Birthdate: Gender:

Home institution: Are you a grad student? Y N

Major:

Social security number:

Passport and country of citizenship:

I am applying for (program dates):

Emergency contact:

Telephone:

Email:

Relationship:

Optional information

Please indicate racial/ethnic identity.

Asian/Pacific Islander Indigenous Latino(a) Anglo Black/African American Other



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Language fluency

What is your native language?

What is your listening comprehension level in Spanish?

(For placement purposes, so be candid)

Basic

Functional

Fluent

What is your speaking level in Spanish?

Basic

Functional

Fluent

What is your reading level in Spanish?

Basic

Functional

Fluent

If you are not a native speaker, how many years have you studied Spanish and at what level?

Years of High school:

Years of College:

Years of Independent study:

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper, using no more than two pages to answer all of the questions. Please type your answers, longhand will not be accepted.

- Why do you want to participate in the MSN study abroad program?
- How will you adapt to new and different living conditions, including staying in indigenous communities that have outhouses and cold showers?
- What kinds of grassroots organizing experiences do you have? What university, community or social groups have you worked with over the past five years?
- Briefly describe your family and home community.
- Briefly describe your most important intercultural experience.

Essay

On a separate piece of paper, please type a 300-500 word essay on your vision of social change and how you hope to use your study abroad experience to implement that vision.



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Applicant signature

I certify that the information disclosed in the MSN Study Abroad application is true to the best of my knowledge. .

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Application fee

A \$25 non-refundable application fee is due with the application

I will send a \$25 check to Mexico Solidarity Network, 3460 W. Lawrence, Chicago, IL 60625

OR

Please charge my Visa or Mastercard using the information below.

Credit card information

Name on credit card:

Billing address:

City, state, zip:

Card number:

Expiration date: Amount:

Email: