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### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN THE 'ACADEMIC WRITING IN ENGLISH PROGRAM' AT UNAM, MEXICO 2018-2019

The National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), through its Office for International Cooperation (DGECI), is currently developing an Academic Writing in English Program (AWEP) to help undergraduate and graduate students in all academic disciplines to acquire reading and writing skills that will allow them to excel in their studies and to participate in international conversations.

The AWEP presently includes three main projects: designing and organizing Academic Writing for Publishing Purposes Workshops, training academic writing (AW) instructors, and creating an Academic Writing Center designed to offer one-to-one assistance to students and faculty members.

With the purpose of contributing to the development of the UNAM's AWEP, the DGECI, in collaboration with the School of Higher Education at the Acatlán campus (Facultad de Estudios Superiores Acatlán), is looking for candidates holding a PhD degree to carry out a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at the UNAM. Two grants are available starting in November 2018.

The successful candidates will be expected to pursue their personal line of research, as well as to contribute to the AWEP by developing a series of handbooks for Academic Writing instructors, which requires the adaptation of pre-existing materials to comply with various practices across the disciplines and the development of additional materials. This experience, or the experience gained through other components of the Program, may be used for the fellows' personal research projects. The fellowship may also include a teaching component.

#### I. Qualifications

In order to be considered for the fellowship, candidates must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Hold a PhD degree from a prestigious university in the field of Education, Linguistics or similar, with a focus related to one of the following:
  - English as a Foreign Language;
  - Academic Writing, and/or
  - Writing Across the Curriculum.
2. Have an English level of C1 or higher, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or its equivalent.
3. Have experience in at least one of the following:
  - Developing pedagogical materials;
  - Developing and/or implementing Academic Writing in English programs and/or courses;
  - Working in Writing Centers;
  - Teaching EFL Writing; and/or
  - Developing online courses.
4. In the case of candidates whose first language is not Spanish, have a Spanish level of B2 or higher, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, or its equivalent.
5. Not already be hired by the UNAM at the start of the fellowship nor throughout the one-year period.

## II. How to apply

Qualified applicants should send an e-mail with the following documents to [escritura.academica@global.unam.mx](mailto:escritura.academica@global.unam.mx) within the timeframe stipulated in the calendar (*Section IV*):

1. Copy of Ph.D. diploma or document certifying the completion of the degree.
2. Summary of the doctoral dissertation indicating the principal tutor's name and institution (2 pages maximum) and a list of publications derived from the dissertation (if applicable).
3. *Current curriculum vitae*.
4. Letter of intent detailing in what ways the candidate is suited to contribute to the UNAM's AWEP.
5. Research proposal summarizing the research project relating to Academic Writing that will be conducted and completed while at the UNAM (1-3 pages).
6. Two samples of writing (published or unpublished) that best exemplify the candidate's academic work.
7. One sample of pedagogical materials created by the candidate, if applicable.
8. Reference letter from an academic from a prestigious institution. This document must be submitted directly by the referee to the e-mail address provided above.
9. Copy of official ID (voter ID or passport).
10. Contact details: current address, phone number and e-mail address.

All documents must be submitted in Spanish or English.

Once the documents are received, the DGECl will contact the candidates via e-mail to schedule a Skype interview in order to evaluate each candidate's English and Spanish levels, if applicable.

The complete and correct submission of the documents and the interview are required for an application to be considered. The selection process will be carried out by a Selection Committee appointed by the Program.

DGECl will notify applicants of the result via e-mail. The Selection Committee's decision is final and cannot be subject to any appeal.

## III. General terms

1. DGECl will award a grant to each of the two successful candidates for them to carry out a full-time one-year postdoctoral fellowship with the purpose of continuing their research and contributing to the development of the AWEP. Please review the [terms and conditions](#) of the grant.
2. The fellows will work with an academic advisor who will supervise their postdoctoral fellowship research activities.
3. The fellows are required to submit a report of their activities to DGECl twice a year, with comments from their academic advisor at FES Acatlán, who must endorse their performance.
4. The fellows must commit to collaborating with the AWEP in the creation of handbooks for AW instructors as part of the obligations of their fellowship.
5. The AWEP's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is a strictly academic project. Therefore, it does not constitute a legal work relationship.

## IV. Calendar

| Activity              | Date                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Call for applications | 5 October 2018              |
| Application deadline  | 17 October 2018             |
| Results               | Starting<br>20 October 2018 |

### **"POR MI RAZA HABLARÁ EL ESPÍRITU"**

Mexico City, 5 October 2018.

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