

Frequently Asked Questions
UNAM's Institute for Philosophical Research - Academic Secretariat
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The following questions are the ones that UNAM's Institute for Philosophical Research's Academic Secretariat gets most frequently asked by applicants for our research fellowships. Do feel free to get in touch with us via email (posdoc.iif@gmail.com) in case you have any other doubts.

- In what language can I present my application to the Institute?
We accept applications in either English or Spanish. Applications in any other language will not be considered.
- How can I send my letters of recommendation?
Letters of recommendation can be sent directly by the referees or the placement officer at the home institution to the following email: posdoc.iif@gmail.com
- May I send my application in any way other than email?
No, you may not. We only receive applications via email. Please, do not send us complete applications via another platform which is not personal email. By other platforms, we mean WeTransfer, Dropbox and the like.
- How long does it take for the Institute to reach a decision?
It takes about a month and a half, and two months for the Institute to deliberate. Once the Institute has decided who will it postulate to UNAM's Coordination of Humanities as recipients of the research fellowships, then applicants will receive an email informing them whether they've been selected or not.
- Are the research fellowships given to some preferred areas of research in philosophy over others?
No, they are not. We accept applications of all areas of research in philosophy. The need to support some areas of research over others at the Institute is a criterion that changes each semester. There are other considerations such as the academic profile of the applicant (the quality of the project, impact and quality of publications, letters of recommendation). The Institute encourage researchers to send their application dossiers regardless of the area in which they specialise.
- Is there a preferred format to write the Cover Letter?
No, there is not. The Institute is interested to know what are your research plans and the reasons why you are interested in a research fellowship at the Institute. Feel free to include information that may be pertinent for us to know for our deliberation.
- Is there a need to send hard copies of any of the documents solicited?
No, there is not. All documents need to be sent electronically.
- Is there a format in which the CV needs to be given?
No, there is not. Do make sure to include your full name (as it appears in the birth certificate or passport), home address, current job (if any), telephone contacts, areas of

specialization and of competence, university and date in which the PhD degree was obtained (or is expected) and publications.

- Do I need to have a letter of recommendation from someone from Institute?
No, you don't have to. You don't need to have ongoing collective work with any of the researchers either to be considered for the research fellowships.
- If I have another source of income (from a scholarship or a job), is that a problem?
Yes and no. It is a problem only once you have been accepted. You cannot have another source of income once your research fellowship starts. It is not a problem during your application process. You can be working or having a scholarship while you are applying for our research fellowships.
- I have not defended my PhD dissertation, but I expect to finish soon. Can I apply for the research fellowships?
Yes, you can. However, you need to have finished your PhD program before the start of the research fellowship at the Institute. In the meantime, you need to send an official document issued by your university stating the expected date of the oral defense/examination.
- To whom should the letter of recommendation be addressed?
The letters of recommendation in favour of applicants should be addressed to Dra Teresa Rodríguez González, Head of Academic Affairs at the Institute for Philosophical Research at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- How should I send my application dossier to the Institute?
Your application dossier contains the documents required in our call for applications. Please check our call for applications at the following link: www.filosoficas.unam.mx. All the required documents should be sent in one single email, in separate PDF files and each clearly identified. We suggest the following titled for each document:
 1. CV
 - 2.1 Article ([Title])
 - 2.2 Article [[Title]]
 3. Research Project ([Title])
 4. Workplan with timetable
 6. Cover Letter
 7. PhD Diploma
 8. PhD abstract and derived publicationsIn the parenthesis, you should write the required titles. Notice there is no point 5 since those are your letters of recommendation and you do not send those.
- How long does the research fellowship last?
The research fellowship lasts one year. Your timeline and research project should be written considering that year. You may request to stay for another year just once after your first year. Then, a different timeline and research project (ideally, a continuation of the one carried during the first year) will be presented.
- When does the research fellowship start?

The research fellowship whose call for applications ends during the Autumn semester starts on the 1st of March. The research fellowship whose call for applications ends during the Spring semester starts on the 1st of September.