



Madrid, 8 April 2019

**Subject: Call for scholarship proposals for IOC training activities to encourage the transfer of technology, research and post-graduate studies**

Madam, Sir,

As part of its 2019 training and technical cooperation activities to encourage research and build on the skills of technical officers in the olive sector, the International Olive Council plans to award four scholarships for the Master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology <http://www.masterolivicultura.org/> organised by the University of Cordoba (UCO), the Consejería de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Desarrollo Sostenible de la Junta de Andalucía (CAP), the Instituto Andaluz de Investigación y Formación Agraria, Pesquera, Alimentaria y de la Producción Ecológica (IFAPA), the Instituto de Agricultura Sostenible (IAS), the Instituto de la Grasa (IG), the Instituto de Recursos Naturales y Agrobiología de Sevilla (IRNAS) and the IFAPA Venta del Llano (Jaén), the Spanish Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC), the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) and the International Olive Council (IOC).

The scholarships for the Master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology aim to train professionals in olive growing and olive oil technology, to encourage research, to respond to the growing demand for specialist technical officers in the sector, to encourage the transfer of technology, to facilitate the pooling of information, experience and results and to foster mobility between Members developing also cooperation relationships between the participants.

The IOC scholarships will cover the registration fees, travel expenses at the start and end of the master and monthly allowances for the students (€60). The management of the scholarships may however be assigned to another body (typically the University). Full-time commitment is required.

Students must have a prior command of the working language of the master (Spanish).

The specific application requirements of the scholarships and the details of the master as well as the principles governing the scholarships and the exclusion, selection and award criteria are attached (annex I).



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Applications must be forward to [iooc@internationaloliveoil.org](mailto:iooc@internationaloliveoil.org) accompanied by the attached application form (one per candidate) (annex II). Applications must also be submitted on-line on <http://www.masterolivicultura.org>.

**Closing date for the receipt of submissions: 28 April 2019.**

The Master programme is spread across two academic years, the first year covers the Postgraduate Specialisation Course and the second year, of initiation to research, leading to the preparation of the Master of Science thesis. Only students that have passed all the subjects in the Postgraduate Specialisation Course with marks higher than 7/10 in the first year will be awarded a second-year scholarship. The thesis subject matter will also condition the award of the scholarship to the second-year of the master programme.

These scholarships will only be awarded to nationals of IOC member countries who meet all the requirements and are successful in the selection process.

The award of the scholarships is subject to budget availability.

The submission of applications imposes no obligation on the IOC to select the candidates supported by its Members.

The principles governing the scholarship, the exclusion criteria, the selection and the award criteria defined to enable subsequent evaluation are established in annex III.

Please be aware that some candidates may be excluded from participating and that the IOC may also request additional proof from the candidates or ask them to clarify the supporting documents.

Yours faithfully,

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Executive Director



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## **ANNEX I - XIII Master's Degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology**

The Master's Degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology is jointly organised by the University of Cordoba (UCO), the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of the Regional Government of Andalusia (CAP), the Andalusian Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IFAPA), the Spanish Higher Council for Scientific Research (CSIC), the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), through the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ), and the International Olive Council (IOC).

It reflects the pivotal role played by olive production in the economies of many countries and the benefits of fostering, through training, the process of rapid technological and structural adjustment of the above mentioned sector to meet the objectives of reducing production costs, increasing quality and expanding the olive market on the basis of the positive promotion of the use of the olive oil as a dietary component, and of the interest of increasing the international cooperation defended by these institutions.

The objective of the Master's degree is to train professionals whose profile meets the growing demand for specialists at the highest level in olive growing and olive oil technology.

The Master's programme is spread across two academic years. The first year covers the Postgraduate Specialisation Course (60 ECTS) and the second year, for initiation to research, leads to the thesis of the Master of Science (total for both years: 120 ECTS).

The first year course will run from the end of September 2019 to the end of May 2020. Only participants that have obtained an average score of 7/10 or higher in the Postgraduate Specialisation Course may opt for the second year of the scholarships.

- *University degree*, preferably in agronomy, biology, agricultural industry or food technology;
- *Proficiency in Spanish*, which will be the working language of the course; for those successful candidates whose first language is not Spanish, courses to perfect their language knowledge will be organised from July to September 2019. The Instituto Cervantes (<http://www.cervantes.es>) has a virtual classroom to teach Spanish online. Information can be obtained at <http://ave.cervantes.es>, available in several languages (the IOC will not cover the language tuition period.)
- *Reading knowledge of English*, necessary to understand some of the material distributed during the course.



Participants must show proof of health insurance cover before the beginning of the course. The Master's course Directorate can provide information if required.

Candidates should be working, researching or have a study background in the olive sector.

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Applications must be forward to [iooc@internationaloliveoil.org](mailto:iooc@internationaloliveoil.org) accompanied by the attached application form (one per candidate). Applications must also be submitted on-line on [http://www.masterolivicultura.org/index\\_es.html](http://www.masterolivicultura.org/index_es.html).

A copy of the following documents should also be submitted to the IOC together with the application form:

- National Identity card (or passport)
- University Degree
- Transcript of records
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter stating the reasons for participating in the Master's degree



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## **ANNEX II - APPLICATION FORM**

XIII Master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology

### **Personal Information**

Family Name:

First Name:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Nationality:

### **Professional Information**

Background (University Degree):

Place of Work (Institution/Company):

Present Position:

Duties:

### **Correspondence Address**

Street and Number:

City:

Post Code:

Country:

Telephone (with country code):

E-mail:



### Languages:

LANGUAGE	SPOKEN	READ	WRITTEN
Spanish			
English			
Others			

### Accompanying Documents\*

University degree	
Transcript of records	
Curriculum vitae	
Letter stating reasons for applying (detailed description of the motives for requesting the scholarship), the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities	
Other (indicate)	

\* A copy of the documents will suffice. Upon registration, the selected participants should present the original documents together with a copy. University degrees and transcripts of records issued outside Spain should be certified through diplomatic channels following the instructions that will be duly provided.



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## ANNEX III - PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP. SCHOLARSHIP EXCLUSION, SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA DEFINED TO ENABLE SUBSEQUENT EVALUATION.

### Principles governing scholarships

- The aim of the scholarship is to help achieve the objectives defined in the current International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives.
- Non-profit principle: the scholarships may not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit for the beneficiary.
- Non-retroactivity principle: expenditure incurred prior to the signature of the agreement awarding the scholarship is not covered.
- Non-cumulation principle: one application may give rise to the award of one scholarship only to any one beneficiary per financial year.
- Principles of advertising, transparency and equal treatment.

### Exclusion criteria

The exclusion criteria are designed to evaluate the eligibility of applicants.

Applicants will be excluded from participating in the procedure for this call for proposals if:

- They are not nationals of IOC member countries
- Do not meet the requirements of the university

### Selection criteria

The selection criteria will be such as to make it possible to assess the applicant's ability to complete the proposed action/work programme.

Applicants must have the competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed work programme.

In the case of the **Master's** scholarships, for selection candidates must satisfy the following university criteria:

- *University degree*, preferably in agronomy, biology, agricultural industry or food technology



- *Reading knowledge of English*, necessary to follow part of the material distributed during the course

*Proficiency in Spanish*, which will be the working language of the course, is necessary in both cases.

Candidates should also be working, researching or have a study background in the olive sector.

### Award criteria

The award criteria are designed to evaluate the quality of the applications.

The merits of the applicants and work, research or study background in the olive sector will be the criteria used for the award of the scholarships

Prior knowledge of Spanish is compulsory to participate in these trainings.

In the case of the Master's degree, reading knowledge of English will also be taken into consideration.

Being supported by the Heads of Delegation will also be considered an asset.

The content of the letter stating reasons for applying (detailed description of the motives for requesting the scholarship) and the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities will also be taken into account.

In case of equal situation of candidates from the same country, the younger candidate will be selected.

For the award of scholarships, the broadest geographical diversity will be intended.

The award of the scholarships is subject to budget availability.





<b>MASTER'S AWARD CRITERIA</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (MERITS)	70
WORKING, RESEARCHING OR HAVE A STUDY BACKGROUND IN THE OLIVE SECTOR (MASTER)	20
Being supported by the Head of Delegation	7
Letter stating reasons for applying (detailed description of the motives for requesting the scholarship) & the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities	3