

## Frequently questions and answers (FAQS)

### How to apply for an ENREM place?

#### **When and how will I be able to apply for a place at the Double Degree Master Program ENREM?**

The call is open at all times, but the application deadline is January 31st of every year for intake in August of the same year. You can only apply via E-Mail. All required documents must be sent via email to the following email addresses: [info-enrem@th-koeln.de](mailto:info-enrem@th-koeln.de) and [pmpca@uaslp.mx](mailto:pmpca@uaslp.mx)

#### **What are the requirements to apply to the master's program?**

You can find the general requirements here: <http://www.enrem-master.info/application>. The documents needed to apply are listed here: <http://www.enrem-master.info/application/required-documentation>

#### **Do you accept applications from any country?**

The Double Degree Master Program is open to applicants from all nationalities, who are highly motivated to work in an international cooperation with Latin America and Germany and are fluent in Spanish and English.

#### **How many students are admitted into the program each year?**

We consider each application on its merits and then take into consideration a balance of academic and practical backgrounds, nationalities, genders, and so on. We accept the following maximum quota of students: 7 from Mexico, 7 from other Latin American and Caribbean Countries, and max. 7 from Germany and other countries.

#### **I am interested in the double degree master's program, but my main focus is on renewable energy management or integrated water management. Can I apply?**

A 100% specialization in renewable energy or integrated water is not possible. Only 3 free elective modules can be chosen from the catalogues of the adjoining master programs "Renewable Energy Management REM" and "Integrated Water Resources Management IWRM" and only if the modules do not need prerequisites.

A minimum of 4 elective modules is required from the module catalogue of the double degree master (PMPCA and Faculty 12) and a minimum of 1 module from the catalogue "Methods and Tools". More information about elective modules on Academics – program Structure and Program content.

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**Can I do my thesis in renewable energy or water management, but from a sustainability and natural resource management approach?**

Yes, but keep in mind that only three free elective modules can be chosen from the catalogs of the adjoining master programs "Renewable Energy Management REM". A minimum of four elective modules is required from the module catalog of the double degree master (PMPCA and Faculty 12) and a minimum of one module from the catalog "Methods and Tools". See example You can find the general requirements here: <http://www.enrem-master.info/application>. The documents needed to apply are listed here: <http://www.enrem-master.info/application/required-documentation>

**If I am accepted to the master's program, do I automatically get a scholarship?**

No, acceptance to the master's program does not guarantee a scholarship. Scholarship considerations will be evaluated according to the specific requirements of each of the scholarship donors. Additionally, the number of DAAD and CONAHCYT scholarships is limited.

**Can I study the master's program if I am selected but not nominated for a scholarship?**

Yes, it is possible. Students without a scholarship or other study grant are very welcome.

**If I do not win a scholarship, is there any other form of financial assistance that I can obtain?**

No, you would need to find other possibilities to finance your studies. Sometimes each university offers other short-term funding programs under certain requirements, but it is usually open to all students at each university.

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### How to apply for scholarships?

#### **How can I be sure that I am eligible for a scholarship?**

Depending on the scholarship (DAAD or CONAHCYT). The number of scholarships is limited (max. 5 or 6 scholarships for each donor). The nomination for a scholarship will be evaluated according to the specific requirements of each of the scholarship donors.

- CONAHCYT: All applicants are eligible for a scholarship, who have a minimum grade of 8.0 (based on the Mexican grading system) in the bachelor's degree and have fulfilled the application requirements of the Master ENREM.
- DAAD: Only for applicants from developing countries according to DAC-list and having job experience of at least two years after graduation, please see the list of countries

#### **In case I am applying for the DAAD or CONAHCYT scholarship, do I have to send other documents, or do you have another deadline?**

The same form shall be used to apply for a place at the program ENREM and apply for a scholarship nomination.

Additionally, in case you apply for the EPOS DAAD scholarship, you have to attach the DAAD application form. Make sure that you fulfill the specific requirements for a DAAD scholarship.

#### **DAAD asks for an academic degree not older than 6 years before application. I was graduated 7 years ago. Is it still possible for me to apply?**

This is a condition DAAD likes to see fulfilled. If your application is outstanding there might be an exception. Other applicants, however, might be preferred. You decide whether you want to try to apply or not.

#### **DAAD asks for a least two years of related professional experience after the first degree (bachelor's) at the time of application. I have 16 months of work experience after I got my bachelor's degree and also one year of work experience before I got my bachelor's degree. Can I apply for a DAAD scholarship?**

This is a condition DAAD likes to see fulfilled. Other applicants might be preferred. You decide whether you want to try to apply or not.

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### Academic requirements

#### **I have a university degree. Am I eligible?**

You are formally eligible for an MSc program at Faculty 12 if you hold a BA/BSc in the field of engineering, natural sciences, geography, architecture, or environmental sciences with a clear relation to the master's program. Applicants from other study backgrounds must show a strong relation to the desired field of study through work experience, internships, etc. The selection board reserves the right to decide individually on applications from other study backgrounds. If you do not have any experience in the desired study field, it is not very likely, that your application will be successful.

#### **The result of my bachelor's study will be out only in the next few months. Can I apply and present the final result later?**

No, your application needs to be complete, otherwise it will not be considered.

#### **Is the admission centrally restricted by a certain Grade Point Average (GPA)?**

Yes, the minimum GPA for studying is 7.8 (Mexican grading system).

For obtaining a CONAHCYT scholarship the minimum GPA is 8.0 (Mexican grading system). Additionally, the application will be evaluated on a competitive basis by the selection board.

#### **Final Grade Average of Bachelor degree: what should I provide?**

For the “final grade average of a bachelor's degree,” you should provide an official certificate with the average obtained in your bachelor studies and the grading scale used by your institution. This document should include the minimum and maximum possible scores, as well as the score required to pass a course.

For example: the transcript of academic records of the bachelor's degree; or an official letter of the university with the description.

#### **The official transcripts of my Bachelor's do not provide the grade average of my study or the descriptive grading scale used by your institution. What can I do?**

Ask your university to provide an official document stating what your average is and also describing the grading scale used by your institution. This document should include the minimum and maximum possible scores, as well as the score required to pass a course.

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#### **Do I need an English language proficiency certificate, if my bachelor's or master's study was fully taught in English?**

Yes, you need an English language proficiency certificate from an internationally recognized test like e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge Exam, or CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). In case you are a citizen of a country with English as an official language, you should prove that the language of instruction, both at school and university, was English (exception: USA, UK, Trinidad and Tobago, Australia, New Zealand).

#### **Can I apply and send my English (IELTS or TOEFL) score later?**

The English proficiency test should be sent the latest by the application deadline (January 31st).

#### **How recent should my English language test be?**

Your test should be quite recent (3 years at the most). However, if you are selected for the ENREM program, you need to submit a new English language test for the inscription at UASLP University. In addition, interviews will be conducted in English and Spanish. The applicants need to prove their communication skills.

#### **What level of Spanish do I need to study in the ENREM program if I do not have Spanish as my mother language?**

Advanced language skills in Spanish (B1/B2) are required, as most courses offered in Mexico are taught in Spanish. When applying for admission, the language proficiency must be submitted. For example, applicants can include a confirmation from their university if they are taking Spanish courses; from their internship or employer, or any other certificates. In addition, interviews will be conducted in Spanish and English. The applicants need to prove their communication skills.

#### **Do I need a German language proficiency?**

No, German language proficiency is not required. However, it is strongly recommended to have basic knowledge of German (A2) so you can manage bureaucracy and participate in university, campus, and community life.

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### Application details

#### **What is the High School certificate?**

The High School certificate is the final diploma you get after finishing secondary school. It shows the grades of your last year in school and usually certifies your eligibility to visit a university and pursue higher education.

#### **Is there any specific format for the letters of recommendation?**

There is no specific format or questionnaire. The letters in a free format must have a signature and official stamp and must be of recent date (not in a sealed envelope). The letters do not need to be addressed to any specific institution.

#### **Do I have to provide publicly authenticated copies of my certificates and other documents for the application?**

No, a simple copy is enough. In case you are selected for the master's, you will need to provide publicly authenticated copies of your certificates and other documents at the time of inscription at both universities in August.

#### **I do not have a certified English translation of my degree or documents for the application. Is it a problem?**

**For CONAHCYT scholarship application and nomination:** If you do not have a certified translation of your degree at the time of application, you can upload an uncertified translation along with the original degree. However, if you are selected for the master's program, you will need to provide a certified translation by the time of inscription at the university in Germany in August.

**For DAAD scholarship application and nomination:** You will need to provide a certified translation of ALL documents by the time of application if the original is not in German or English. Also, if you are selected for the master's program, you will need to provide a certified translation by the time of inscription at the university in Germany in August.

#### **Can you check my application documents before applying?**

No, we cannot do so.

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### Selection process

#### **How does the selection process work?**

Please read: <http://www.enrem-master.info/application/selection-process>

#### **When will I be informed about the results of the selection process?**

Please see: <http://www.enrem-master.info/application/selection-process>

#### **What happens if I have been accepted with a nomination for a scholarship?**

First, you will have to confirm your participation in the master's program by sending a signed letter of acceptance. After that, you need to apply officially for the scholarship:

**-DAAD:** the information about the procedure and deadline for the application of the scholarship should be sent to you after April 15th.

**-CONAHCYT:** an official application for a CONACYT scholarship will be carried out only in August after the inscription of the first semester at the UASLP. PMPCA should send you information about the procedure and deadline.

#### **What happens if I have been accepted without a scholarship?**

First, you will have to confirm your participation in the master's program by sending a signed letter of acceptance. Just like any other regular student, you have to self-finance your studies.

#### **When is the beginning of your studies?**

The classes will start in the first week of September in San Luis Potosí, Mexico, but all students need to arrive in the middle of August in San Luis Potosí to arrange administrative issues related to both universities.

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### Contact for support

Please refer to this FAQ and the other sections of the website before writing to us.

**If you have a precise question concerning the application form or documents.**

Contact us at [info-enrem@th-koeln.de](mailto:info-enrem@th-koeln.de) and/or [pmpca@uaslp.mx](mailto:pmpca@uaslp.mx)

**I am having problems filling out the online ENREM-Application form in the platform Agenda Ambiental UASLP Portal. What can I do?**

For detailed information about registration and use of the Portal, please see the following [video](#).

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If the problem continues you can use the following [PDF Application Form](#).

### Additional information

**How much are the living costs in Germany and are there tuition fees?**

Usually, the living costs including rent, electricity, and water are around 950 Euros per month (the monthly amount required to apply for a German visa), but it depends on the individual lifestyle. There are no tuition fees in Germany, but you have to pay a semester fee of around 320 euros every 6 months. This semester fee also includes the price of the public transport semester ticket, which allows you to use the tram, the subway, and busses in Cologne, and also some trains in the region of NRW.

For more detailed information about tuition fees see: [www.enrem-master.info/university-enrollment/study-fees](http://www.enrem-master.info/university-enrollment/study-fees)



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### Additional information

#### **Do the scholarships cover basic living expenses in Germany and Mexico?**

The monthly amount of the scholarship depends on each of the scholarship donors. The DAAD scholarships are calculated to cover living costs in Mexico and Germany. The CONAHCYT scholarship covers living expenses in Mexico, but for Germany, the student must cover the difference in living expenses himself/herself. The scholarships do not cover the administration fees of the universities.

Other information please see: [www.enrem-master.info/application/scholarships](http://www.enrem-master.info/application/scholarships)

#### **Which elective modules can I do?**

The elective modules in the second and third semesters are organized into two blocks, one in their area of “specialization elective for the double degree master program ENREM” and the other from the “Methods and Tools” catalog. The students need to select a total of eight elective modules in the second (4 electives) and third (4 electives) semester. By choice, the students specialize in a particular field related to their Master’s thesis and deepen their knowledge in several aspects related to natural resource management.

#### **Does the ENREM program require an internship?**

The ENREM master's program does not require an internship. However, if you want to do an internship it is possible and has a positive impact on career opportunities. Therefore, an internship is recommended, which students can do during their semester breaks before the third semester. Students can try to apply for a recognition of the internship in the third semester as Project III, but can not be guaranteed

#### **Where are double degree-master program alumni now?**

About 35% are employed in the private sector or consulting and about 21 % are working for non-governmental organizations, development cooperation agencies, and in the government sector. The remaining 44% take on a research position or pursue Higher Education or further graduate study.