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International Affairs office ENPEG “La Esmeralda”

FACT SHEET AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2026-2027/1 TERM

Institution website:

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/>

Exchange program website:

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/intercambiosyresidencias>

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LOCATION AND FACILITIES

The ENPEG “La Esmeralda” is located at the National Center for the Arts (Centro Nacional de las Artes) in Mexico City. The school has different workshops that are shared among students from different semesters, there are no private studio spaces. Exchange students have access to the libraries from “La Esmeralda” and CENART.

SEMESTER DATES

A mandatory meeting a week prior to the beginning of the classes is scheduled. Fall semester classes begin in late August and end in middle December. The exact dates will be announced once the acceptance letter is provided.

You can find more information about the school calendar here:

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/calendarioescolar>



2026
año de
**Margarita
Maza**



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DURATION

The duration of the exchange is for one semester only. Mobility students cannot apply to become regular students at the ENPEG “La Esmeralda”.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Exchange students have access to the classes from the fourth or the sixth semester. For the main core subjects such as “Taller de producción”, each class is taught in different workshops depending on the focus of interest of each professor which ranges from painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, video and animation, photography and new media.

The students may also have theory and history seminars with specific topics of interest, which vary each semester. The information of each course will be uploaded at the beginning of each semester in this section :

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/horariosyplanesdetrabajo>

VISA

Each student is responsible for the VISA procedure at the Mexican Embassy. Once the student is accepted, he/she will receive an acceptance letter by “La Esmeralda” that includes the dates of beginning and end of the courses.

HOUSING

Exchange students are responsible to organize their own accommodation. A room for rental at Mexico city may vary from \$5000 mexican pesos up to \$10,000 mexican pesos or more, depending on the location.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Exchange students must purchase an international medical insurance with a wide coverage of the mobility period (accident, illness and repatriation). Insurance arrangements must be made before participants leave their home institution to execute the mobility program and they must present the policy before their arrival.





CREDIT SYSTEM AND FULL TIME WORKLOAD

The courses that the exchange students may take are the following:

- *Taller de producción A* (12,5 credits) 2 weekly classes of 4 hours each.
- *Taller de producción B* (12,5 credits) 2 weekly classes of 4 hours each.
- History seminar (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 3 hours each.
- Theory seminar (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 3 hours each.
- Introduction to teaching, curatorial practice or cultural management (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 3 hours each.
- Invited artist workshop (2,5 credits) 20 hours, the schedule may vary upon the professors availability.
- Optional (5 credits) 1 weekly class of 4 hours each.

<https://www.esmeralda.edu.mx/mapacurricular>

It is not mandatory that exchange students take all the courses, this will depend on the requirements from the school of origin.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

Spanish is the language of instruction at the ENPEG “La Esmeralda”, and exchange applicants must demonstrate proficiency when they apply to our open call.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The home institution sends its nomination by email to enpeg.extensionacademica@inba.gob.mx
2. The Cooper Union emails the nominated student the open call with all the requirements and a link to the application formular.
3. The student applies via the application formular submitting all the required documents enlisted on the open call.
4. The Exchange Committee of ENPEG “La Esmeralda” will decide if the student is eligible according to the school profile and the student will be notified by email.
5. The Accepted student must confirm by email that they will attend.





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REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

These are the usually requested documents, but it is important to take in account that each open call may vary and the student must wait until the official launching to see the full procedure.

- Motivation letter (one page)
- Artistic project to develop that contains the following: description, objectives, justification, semestral work schedule.
- Portfolio with 10-15 images of their artistic work.
- Curriculum synthesis (one page).
- Academic History updated.
- Recommendation letter from a professor.
- Nomination letter from the institution of origin.
- Spanish language proficiency score report.

Nomination and application deadline	March 30 th
Notification of acceptance or rejection	April 30 th
Accepted applicants must confirm that they will attend	May 30 th

