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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

# INSTITUTE of INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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## Announcement

### MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 1955

Closing Date: November 1, 1954

(The next competition opens in September, 1955)

The Mexican Government, through the Mexico-United States Commission on Cultural Cooperation, offers sixteen grants to United States students for study in Mexico during the academic year beginning March 1, 1955. Although these grants are designed to cover full maintenance and include tuition, applicants should have other funds for incidental expenses and travel costs. Five undergraduate awards will be 800 pesos a month for the academic year (March 1 to December 15, 1955); eleven graduate awards will be 860 pesos monthly for the academic year. A 200 peso increase in stipend is under consideration, but at this time there is no assurance of an increase. Preference will be given to junior and senior year students in the awarding of undergraduate scholarships.

#### GRADUATE FIELDS ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDED

Architecture. For candidates with degrees in architecture. Research with the possibility of assignment as an apprentice in the offices of leading architects.

Indian and physical anthropology. )

Ethnology. )

Archeology. )

Study or research in these fields.

Museography. Best studied through courses listed immediately above.

Art (Painting). Open to advanced students only.

Cardiology and Tropical Medicine. Candidates with an M.D. degree may receive special training at the National Institute of Cardiology and the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Mexico City. Please consult the Institute of International Education for details.

Biological Sciences. Research in this field for candidates with specific projects.

Mexican History. Candidates who have taken courses in Latin American History in universities are preferred.

Other fields are not excluded.

#### UNDERGRADUATE FIELDS

Philosophy, language, and literature. Specially qualified students may study Mexican History, Ethnology, Archeology, and Physical Anthropology.

The new campus of the National University of Mexico City is now open, but grantees do not have to limit their place of study to Mexico City. Candidates in the fields of anthropology, archeology, ethnology, and history should indicate their choice of universities in order of preference when submitting their applications. Successful candidates in the other fields may study at the following schools:

Museography  
Architecture  
Philosophy and Literature  
Painting

Biological Sciences  
Tropical Medicine

Cardiology

Chapultepec Museum  
National University  
National University  
School of the Instituto  
Nacional de Bellas Artes  
Instituto Nacional Politecnico  
Instituto Nacional de  
Infermedades Tropicales  
Instituto Nacional de  
Cardiologia

All applicants must be prepared to begin their studies by the first of March, 1955. Candidates under 25 years of age will be given preference. Single candidates, or married candidates who do not plan to take their families with them to Mexico, will also be preferred. If a married applicant does plan to take his family in the event that he is successful, he must be able to guarantee the support of his family completely apart from the income received under the scholarship. He must also understand that dependents who are non-students must go to Mexico on tourist visas which are valid for a period of six months. Holders of tourist visas must leave Mexico before the expiration of that period in order to renew their visas.

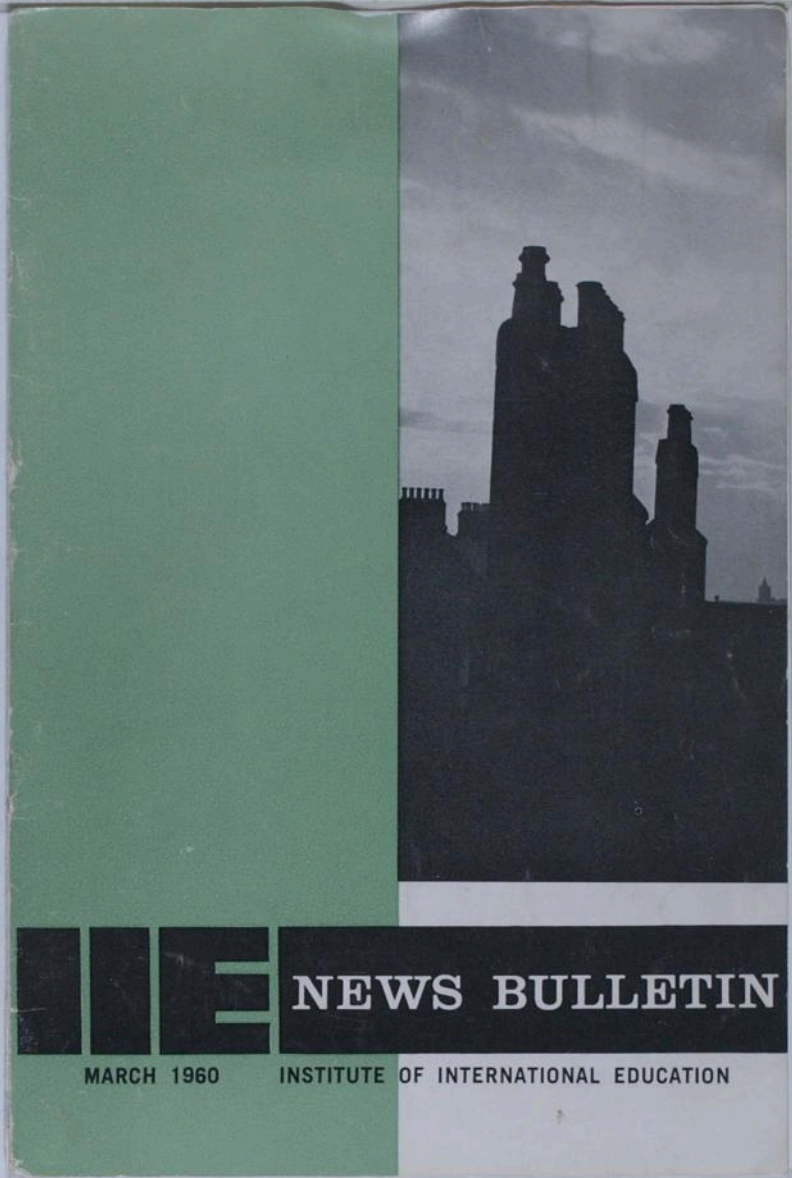
Successful applicants will need approximately U.S. \$200 to cover living expenses until the first stipend payment is made, and other expenses not covered by the award.

All successful candidates are required to join the accident and health insurance plan carried by the Institute for the protection of fellowship students, for which the premium is \$22.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. United States citizenship.
2. Good knowledge of Spanish.
3. Good academic record (and professional record if the applicant is not a recent graduate).
4. Good moral character, personality, and adaptability.
5. Good health. (Students must meet the standards required by the company issuing the above mentioned insurance policy.)

Applications, on forms to be secured from the U.S. Student Department of the Institute of International Education must be filed, with all supporting documents, not later than November 1, 1954.



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In Mexico there is also a growing number of well-trained librarians who have studied abroad, either in the United States, or in Europe. These librarians—two of them are María Teresa Chávez and Jovita Zubaran—have reactivated the Association of Librarians, which has sponsored conferences to improve library techniques and to raise the status of Mexican librarians. Their activities are one of the brightest features of the library scene in Mexico today.

Another improvement of recent times is the acquisition by Mexican libraries of collections which might have left the country. An outstanding example is the library of the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey. This library, with its modern catalogue, its air-conditioned Rare Book Room, its efficient service, is comparable to many of the finest libraries in the United States. The library has raised enough money to purchase collections such as those of Pedro Robredo, Salvador Ugarte and Méndez Plancarte.

In *Fichas de Bibliografía Potosina*, 1956, Rafael Montejano y Anguiniaga, director of the excellent library of the University of San Luis Potosi, quoted one of Mexico's outstanding bibliographers, Genaro Estrada, "Unfortu-

nately, in Mexico we do not have methodically organized, documented collections in public libraries or private institutions, save as a very rare exception. Therefore it is extremely difficult to undertake any moderately important research. The student, or anyone else who comes to these libraries for information, must make unusual efforts to get results, must go hither and yon, sometimes following his intuition, in order to achieve anything worthwhile. Outside of the individual efforts of a very few officials, the government has never been interested in attending, effectively and with sufficient resources, to the needs of libraries—which are now just desolate warehouses filled with books. Under these conditions, the researcher is often a lonely hero who carries on his work without any encouragement within an atmosphere of abandon and misery."

This description of Mexican libraries, even allowing for the more dramatic expression of the Latin American, presents a black picture and, had I written this article in 1949, my report might have been similar to Sr. Estrada's criticism. My recent experiences, however, indicate that the picture is by no means discouraging.

## NEWS and NOTES

### To the Editor:

As a sequel to my article on Mexican libraries, the following may be of interest. I have recently received a letter from Professor Antonio Pompa y Pompa, permanent secretary of the National Academy of Sciences of Mexico, in which he writes that the building which is being remodeled for use of the Academy will be finished in November. Inaugural exercises are planned for sometime before June but when the library will be ready and open to readers is not indicated. Since this year marks the 75th anniversary of the Academy, it is gratifying to know that it will not be long before one of Mexico's best scientific libraries is again available to students and scholars.

Sincerely,  
Ida K. Langman  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Ida Langman's article "Mexican Libraries Move Ahead" appeared on page 36 of the March 1960 News Bulletin.]

### OPENINGS ABROAD

The University of Manitoba, Canada, invites applications for a position in the department of Zoology at the assist-

ant or associate professor level. The applicant should hold the degree of D.Sc. or Ph.D. in zoology from a recognized university and should have special interests in the physiology of aquatic organisms, particularly of fishes. Applications from qualified parasitologists also will be welcomed. Maximum starting salary is \$9,000 per year. Initial salary depends upon qualifications and experience. Duties will commence September 1, 1960. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a record of teaching and research experience and three supporting letters to the Chairman, Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg 9, Manitoba, Canada.

The University of Queensland, Australia, invites applications for a Senior Research Fellowship for the study of mastitis in the department of Preventive Medicine at the Veterinary School. Initial work will consist of a field survey with bacteriological examinations to ascertain the main bacterial types. It is expected that studies will then develop on pathogenesis and chemotherapy. The appointment will be on an annual basis, renewable for at least three years. Salary may be as high as £A 1,500 per year depending on qualifications. Requests for further informa-