



49th Meeting of the Directing Council

Virtual modality, November 20, 2019

RESOLUTION No. 3

ACADEMIC GRANTS AND STUDY VISITS FOR THE YEAR 2020 OF THE CARTOGRAPHY, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND GEOPHYSICS COMMISSIONS

The 49th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH), on its virtual modality,

CONSIDERING:

Resolution No. 9 “Academic Grants and Internships” of the 48th Meeting of the PAIGH Directing Council (Bolivia, 2018);

The purposes of the PAIGH established in its Organic Statutes¹;

The fact that the Institutional Strategic Development Plan approved at the 48th Meeting of the PAIGH Directing Council (Bolivia, 2018) establishes among its actions that of seeking out new alternatives for finance and cooperation in this area (Grants and Training) that make it possible to set up agreements with universities or national research agencies. It is proposed to facilitate the supply and attainment of grants, which offers the possibility for the PAIGH to contribute to student mobility using as a starting point the relations that the Geophysics Commission has with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM);

The fact that it is in the interest of the Organization of American States (OAS) to continue strengthening its grants program;

The fact that the grants are also of interest to the United Nations (UN) and are present among the Targets of Sustainable Development Goal No. 4 “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all”;

The fact that the General Secretariat is responsible for setting up cooperation agreements with universities and study centers, with the objective of obtaining training grants in each of the Commissions;

The fact that the Cartography Commission has a Statement of Intentions for academic cooperation with the “Agustín Codazzi” Geographic Institute (IGAC) for granting four on-site study grants in order to train students at the Center for Research and Development in Geographic Information (CIAF, acronym in Spanish) of the IGAC;

¹ “The PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY is a Specialized Organization of the ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. Its objectives are: 1) To encourage, coordinate and publicize cartographical, geophysical, geographical, and historical studies, as well as other related scientific studies of interest to the Americas. 2) To promote and carry out studies, work and training in the aforementioned fields of activity. 3) To promote cooperation among organizations interested in these fields of activity in the Americas, and with related international organizations”. Consulted in: https://ipgh.org/assets/organic_statute_rules_2018.pdf



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The fact that the Geography Commission has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pan American Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE) for training students at this institution by means of “short courses”;

The fact that the History Commission has a Statement of Intentions with the Latin America and the Caribbean Research Center (CIALC) of the UNAM as a step taken prior to running grants/study visits;

The fact that the Geophysics Commission has already signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Geophysics Institute of the UNAM for providing a two-year postgraduate grant in the Earth Sciences Program for a student from the PAIGH Member States;

The recommendations of the 91st and 92nd Meetings of PAIGH Authorities, and of the Technical Meetings of the Commissions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Recommend the following outline policy for selecting grant recipients in the respective programs of the Commissions, starting from the 1st of February 2020:
 - a) To be a citizen of and resident in a PAIGH Member State.
 - b) Priority will be given to requests made by those who are from countries that have not received finance through the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) of the PAIGH during the last two years prior to the request.
 - c) In order to distribute the opportunities more widely, no more than two grant recipients will be selected from a single country.
 - d) It is recommended to tend towards a balance between the sexes in the selection made from the applicants.
2. The General Secretariat will distribute the call for applications and related information widely, through the official networks of the PAIGH.
3. Continue the process of managing an agreement with the CIALC of the UNAM for the purpose of running grants/study visits that make it possible for study/research of History in the Americas.

