



**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**

**International Center**

**UT Dallas Pilot Program for Enrolling Mexican Students Guide**

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## **Pilot Program for Enrolling Mexican Students (PPEMS)**

The PPEMS permits Mexican students with demonstrated financial need to be eligible for in-state tuition. The purpose of the PPEMS is to encourage students from Mexico with limited financial resources to enroll in Texas higher education institutions. The Authority for the PPEMS is provided in the Texas Education Code, which establishes procedures to administer the PPEMS. Although financial need is the primary eligibility criterion for the PPEMS, institutions are allowed to set their own priorities in selecting participants from among eligible students.

## **UT Dallas Eligibility Criteria of the PPEMS**

In order to be eligible for the PPEMS, students must:

1. Be Mexican citizen.
2. Demonstrate financial need.
3. Hold a minimum 3.0 GPA.
4. Be accepted in a full time academic program or be a current full time student in good immigration status.

## **Required Documents to Apply for the PPEMS**

Eligible students must complete and submit the following documents to the UT Dallas International Center:

1. PPEMS Application Form.
2. Copy of UT Dallas admission letter, if the applicant is not already a UT Dallas student.
3. Copy of unofficial UT Dallas transcript, if the applicant is already a UT Dallas student.
4. Copy of proof of citizenship (passport or birth certificate).
5. UT Dallas Financial Affidavit with supplemental financial support documents. Examples of financial support documents include: copy of bank statement, scholarship letter, UT Dallas assistantship letter, or government funding support letter.

## **How is the Financial Need Determined?**

In order to determine the financial need of the applicant after submission of required documents, UT Dallas International Center personnel assess two documents:

1. The PPEMS Application Form, and
2. UT Dallas Financial Affidavit.

Both the PPEMS Application Form and the UT Dallas Financial Affidavit are evaluated based on the estimated published expenses to attend UT Dallas. Estimated expenses are published in the second page of the UT Dallas Financial Affidavit (see below).

**F. Determine your estimated expenses.** Below is a list of the estimated annual costs of attendance, living expenses (based on shared housing and use of public transportation), and health insurance. You must provide financial certification of these minimum amounts as a part of the I-20 request process. These estimates are subject to change without prior notice; the exact costs of attendance will vary by student and will be determined at the point of course registration. **For dependents:** Please see page 3. You will need to add \$5000 for your spouse and \$3000 for each child, per year plus the cost of health insurance.

Undergraduate students	General	With UT Dallas Scholarship
Tuition, 12 credit hours per semester	\$27,104	\$11,079
Living Expenses	\$14,262	\$14,262
Health Insurance	\$1,859	\$1,859
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,225</b>	<b>27,200</b>

Graduate students	General	With UT Dallas Research or Teaching Assistantship, or Scholarship
Tuition, 9 credit hours per semester	\$22,502	\$12,152
Living Expenses	\$14,464	\$14,464
Health Insurance	\$1,859	\$1,859
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,825</b>	<b>\$28,475</b>

*\*If your situation differs what is listed above, visit the ISSO Estimate expenses for I-20 webpage at <http://www.utdallas.edu/isso/i20-expenses/>*

If the applicant demonstrates that his / her financial resources are equal or higher than the total amount required for UT Dallas attendance with out-state tuition (general), the applicant will not be eligible for the PPEMS. If the applicant demonstrates that his / her financial resources are equal or marginally higher than the total amount required for UT Dallas attendance with in-state tuition (with UT Dallas scholarship), but lower than the financial resources required for UT Dallas attendance with out-state tuition (general), the applicant may be considered for the PPEMS.

The proof of financial need must be consistent in both documents: PPEMS Application Form and UT Dallas Financial Affidavit. If there is discrepancy between the two documents, the applicant will not be eligible for the PPEMS. Examples include: indicating financial capacity to cover out-state tuition in the PPEMS Application Form Section C (Financial Support Information), while the Financial Affidavit documentation indicates capacity to cover only in-state tuition; the Financial Affidavit documentation indicates capacity to cover out-state tuition, while the PPEMS Application Form Section C indicates capacity to cover only tuition at the in-state level.

It is recommended assessing carefully the estimated costs of UT Dallas attendance with respect to the financial capacity of the applicant to accurately fill out both documents before submitting the PPEMS applications to the UT Dallas International Center.

## What is next after the PPEMS is approved?

The International Center will notify students of PPEMS determinations by email, to the student's utdallas.edu email address. Also the International Student's Services Office (ISSO) will be notified, and approved students will have the responsibility to obtain an updated I-20 Form based on the new financial need status, i.e. in-state tuition.

## Mexican students already attending UT Dallas

Mexican students already attending UT Dallas are welcome to apply for the PPEMS if they meet the PPEMS criteria. In addition to the submission of required documents, applicants must include a statement indicating that his / her financial capacity has changed to cover only tuition at the in-state level. If the applicant is sponsored, the sponsor's statement must be included along with the required documents. The statement must be in English and notarized.

## Length of time of the award

The PPEMS award is valid for one academic year (Fall, Spring, and Summer), and must be renewed at the end of each academic year:

1. Approved applications for Fall will expire by the end of the following Summer semester.
2. Approved applications for Spring will expire at the end of the following Summer semester.

The International Center does not process PPEMS applications for the semester of Summer.

## 3.0 GPA requirement

PPEMS students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 semester grade point average (GPA).

### Graduate Students

PPEMS graduate students must be in good academic standing as specified the [UT Dallas Graduate Catalog](#) in order to continue receiving the PPEMS benefit. This includes maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA in the graduate courses in the degree program.

### Undergraduate Students

PPEMS undergraduate students must maintain a good academic standing, including a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in undergraduate courses in the degree program.

Undergraduate students whose cumulative GPA is lower than 3.0 at the conclusion of each semester will be placed on probation and required to raise the cumulative GPA to at least 3.0. Undergraduate students who do not meet the minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during two consecutive semesters will be terminated from the PPEMS. The student, however, is welcome to re-apply for the following academic

year if he / she meet the minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA during the academic year in which the student was terminated from the PPEMS.

## **Resources and Contact Information**

Students are welcome to consult the following resources

1. [College for All Texans](#),
2. [Texas Education Code 54.231](#),
3. [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board \(THECB\) Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 21, Subchapter BB](#),
4. [Exemption and Waiver Programs for which the THECB has Rule-Making Authority](#).

Students are welcome to contact for further information:

1. [Rodolfo Hernandez Guerrero](#), UT Dallas PPEMS Officer, and
2. [Natalie Deleon](#), UT Dallas International Center Administrator.