THE INSTITUTION:
The Colegio de México (Colmex) is a prestigious institution of higher learning specializing in humanities and social sciences. Established in 1940, it is the successor of La Casa de España, which was established by president Lázaro Cárdenas in 1938 with the purpose of granting asylum to renowned scientists, academics and artists threatened by the Spanish Civil War and later by the Franco regime. Since then, El Colegio de Mexico has become one of the most prominent research centers in the Hispanic world. It is made up of seven disciplinary study centers: Center for Historic Studies, Center for Linguistic and Literary Studies, Center for International Studies, Center for Asian and African Studies, Center for Economic Studies, Center for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies, and the Center for Sociology Studies. Each center has its own specialized periodic publication. There are currently three hundred full time students, one fifth of which come from other Latin American countries. The ratio of students to professors enables them to work together closely. Colmex, as it is commonly known, has one of the biggest social sciences libraries in Latin America. It is renowned for having among its alumni distinguished politicians and diplomats, famous writers and historians, and it particularly stands out for its convenient location in Mexico City, which is the political and cultural center of the country. Loaded with a mix of tradition and modernity, the city attracts people from all over the world eager to see its museums; famous Diego Rivera and Siqueiros murals; parks like Chapultepec; delicious Mexican restaurants; archeological sites, such as the Templo Mayor; and stunning colonial buildings, which endow Mexico City with its uniqueness and beauty.


https://cell.colmex.mx/
LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM:
The Exchange Program covers one academic year to be spent at El Colegio de México (Colmex). The academic calendar consists of two semesters: Fall and Spring. The Fall semester begins on the first Monday of August and ends on the second Friday of December. The Spring semester begins on the second Monday of January and ends on the first Friday of June.
https://www.colmex.mx/calendario-escolar

ELIGIBILITY/APPLICATION PROCESS:
RLL students in the Spanish section have priority, but other GSAS graduate students are welcome to apply (G2 and above). Both citizens and non-citizens are eligible. Katherine Killough, the Language Program Coordinator (killough@fas.harvard.edu), will send out an email with the application link to the rllgrads list in late October; the application deadline for the following academic year is on or before November 15, to align with the Departmental deadline for RLL internal fellowships. In addition to the online survey application form, applicants are asked to submit a statement of purpose describing how spending a year at El Colegio de México fits in with their academic goals, and for applicants who are not Ph. D. candidates in the Spanish section of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, a letter of support from their academic advisor is also recommended.

FUNDING:
The Committee on General Scholarships offers the Romance Languages and Literatures student a Traveling Scholarship in the amount of $6,250. Colmex offers a monthly national graduate student stipend of approximately 5,428 pesos per month, distributed in two parts (approximately $500). The first installment of the stipend is paid in August and the final installment in July.

FACILITIES and ACTIVITIES:
El Colegio de México has a dining hall that serves breakfast and lunch at subsidized student prices. Colmex offers a free transportation service with established routes and times for students and employees of the institution. Athletic activities include soccer, volleyball, basketball, zumba and yoga. Cultural activities include the choir, the student magazine (Ágora), guided visits and free language lessons (English, German, French, and Russian, among others). Students also benefit from multiple lectures, seminars, workshops, book presentations, courses, and symposiums, national and international, which are organized daily at El Colegio de México. Due to the relatively small student body [300 graduate students total across 7 disciplinary centers], the reception, welcome and integration of exchange students is immediate and happens organically. Note that the CELL is on a three-year admissions cycle, and courses are not offered every year.

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