Educational Priorities of Mexico

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1. Educational Overview of México

- In Mexico, the 5 areas with the largest number of students are the following: business administration, engineering, social science and law, health sciences, and information technology.

- There are 3,069 universities throughout the country. Most of them are located in the central region of Mexico, followed by the state of Jalisco and Nuevo León.

- The education system is made up of public and private universities. There are federal and state universities, institutes, and technological universities in the public sector.
1. Educational Overview of México

• UNAM is the largest university in the country. It is public and has 300,000 students. It is considered the second best university in Latin America. It has 5 offices of representation in the U.S.

• Tec de Monterrey is the largest private university in Mexico. It has 31 campuses in 25 cities.

• Academic mobility between Mexico and the U.S. is 53% at the undergraduate level and 30.4% at the postgraduate level.
2. Mexico-United States: Student Mobility

- Mexico is the 9th country with the highest number of students in the US (14,500 students).
- It is the 13th destination to study for American students with 248 students. Before the pandemic, the number stood at 3000.
- The numbers do not include other types of programs, such as internships, summer studies, and language courses without obtaining credit.
2. Mexico-United States: Student Mobility

• Most Mexican students study at universities in border states such as Texas, Arizona and California, and big cities like New York.

• 1/3 of Mexican students in the United States study disciplines in the STEM field. 2/3 of PhD students pursue studies in STEM.
3. Priorities and Programs

- Promote the development of human capital through academic mobility to advance the competitiveness of Mexico and North America
- Increase the academic mobility of students and researchers.
- Strengthen cooperation agreements with community colleges
- Increase financing opportunities
Fulbright-García Robles Scholarships

- This is the main scholarship program between Mexico and the United States. It is managed by the United States-Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (COMEXUS).

- Since 1990, it has awarded more than 4,500 scholarships to Mexicans and Americans for postgraduate studies, research and teaching stays, and professionalization programs.

- Each year 100 Mexican students and 100 Americans are awarded scholarships.
• One of Mexico’s main foreign policy objectives is to strengthen the support and well-being of Mexicans abroad and their ties with Mexico.

• There is a population of 38 million people of Mexican origin, of which 12 million people were born in Mexico.

• The network of 52 consulates in the US is fundamental for the operation of the programs.
IME Scholarships

- The program consists of establishing alliances with educational institutions to support the education of Mexicans in the US through a matching funds model.

- Resources are given to universities and community colleges.

- Since 2005, 1,500 institutions have benefitted from an investment of 13 million dollars.
Consortium of Higher Education Institutions for the Educational Development of Mexicans Abroad (CIESDEMEX)

- CIESDEMEX manages a digital platform that contains an online educational offer of higher education institutions to serve the Mexican diaspora.
- Launched in 2022, the project is still in development.
- 58 universities are part of CIESDEMEX.
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