



**Mexico's Institute of the National Housing Fund for Workers  
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Trabajadores, Infonavit) in collaboration with the National  
Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)'s Faculty of  
Architecture and The University Program of City Studies  
(Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad, PUEC)**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**FOR THE**

**International Research Thesis Price**

**INFONAVIT-UNAM 2021**

**Abandoned houses and neighborhoods.**

**Towards an integral urban regeneration.**

For years our cities have endure excessive urban sprawl, construction of housing projects without adequate links to their urban context, lacking basic public spaces to build community and located faraway from working centres. Furthermore, traditional credit schemes and financing mechanisms have not reach those who most need it.

Worldwide, diverse social processes have arisen aiming towards community-based urban regeneration and public space recovery, citizen participation has emerged organized around the defence and improvement of the urban habitat.

This call aims to attract the best research efforts to provide guides for designing a housing policy that is integrated with broad urban development.

**Directed to:**

Citizens of all interested countries holding a master's and/or doctoral degree that included the submission of a research thesis on the topic of abandoned housing and integral urban regeneration processes.

**Aims**

- The development of viable proposals for solving abandoned houses and neighbourhoods problems, particularly the ones located on socially vulnerable areas.
- Contribute to generate and spread integral approaches about housing and its relation with the urban context.



- Contribute to the knowledge of integral urban regeneration processes developed in cities around the world.
- Encourage the study of credit instruments and mechanisms that can allow people with low income to acquire houses that are integrated with the city.

## Categories

### Category A. Master's Thesis

First place: \$30 000.00 MXN (About 1,379 US dollars), thesis publication as a printed and electronic book, accommodation and transportation to the award ceremony in Mexico City, to be held in march 2022.

### Category B. Doctoral Thesis

First place: \$45 000.00 MXN (about 2068 US dollars) thesis publication as a printed and electronic book, accommodation and transportation to the award ceremony in Mexico City, to be held in march 2022.

The qualifying Jury may award honourable mentions to other theses whose quality deserves to be recognized.

All theses that participate in the contest will be published online and will become part of INFONAVIT and PUEC-UNAM digital libraries' collection.

In the event that UNAM's policy in response to COVID-19 prevents face-to-face activities, the award ceremony will be held remotely, using a virtual platform.

## Participants must assign one of the following subtopics to their thesis:

- Community and public space in vulnerable neighbourhoods.
- Neighbourhood organization and citizen participation.
- Legal framework and public policies for integral urban regeneration.
- Financing/funding with urban criteria and social commitment.
- Comprehensive regeneration of housing projects and its habitat.

## Requirements

1. Those who got their degree between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and August 2020 can participate in this competition.
2. Research that includes specific proposals to address abandoned housing in problematic urban areas, from a socially committed perspective, will be recognized.
3. Theses may be submitted in Spanish, English, Portuguese or French.
4. The deadline for applications to this contest is: 29 November 2021.
5. Theses that have been published in full or whose copyrights have been transferred to a third party cannot compete.



6. Any thesis participating in this competition may not simultaneously participate in another competition, already been awarded another prize nor have participated in the previous edition of this award.

## Applications

1. In order to participate contestants should go to [infonavit-unam2021.puec.unam.mx/](http://infonavit-unam2021.puec.unam.mx/), complete the registration form and upload the requested documentation.
2. In order to preserve their original formatting, documents will only be received in PDF format.
3. **Required digital documents:**
  - Registration form
  - Originality statement (can be downloaded at the website)
  - Letter of acceptance for the thesis to be published online at the end of the competition as part of Infonavit's and PUEC–UNAM's library collection (can be downloaded at the website)
  - Application letter written by the participant, stating: 1) the name of the thesis supervisor or examiner, and 2) the three main reasons why the participant considers that his or her research should win the prize (1000 words maximum, PDF file)
  - 5. Research summary including theoretical and methodological structure, analysis tools and main results of the thesis (1500 words maximum, PDF file)
  - 6. The complete thesis document that was presented for defence (unlocked PDF file)
  - 7. Minutes of the oral examination or thesis defence, or equivalent document (official document issued by the university in PDF format)
  - NOTE: \*A separate PDF file must be uploaded for each of the above documents.

- Participation in the contest implies the acceptance of these Terms.

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