

University of California Alianza MX Short-Term Research in Mexico for Graduate Students

Call for Applications 2023–2024

The University of California Alianza MX (UC Alianza MX) is pleased to announce a call for applications for funding support for graduate student short-term research stays in Mexico.

The purpose of the short-term stays will be for young scholars at the University of California (UC) to accomplish specific laboratory, library, or field research, at partner institutions in Mexico. Stays must include active engagement in scholarly or scientific activities at a host institution, with an emphasis on using the stay to advance research and academic development.

The scope of the research activities should focus on topics that are specific to Mexico; topics on California-Mexico or US-Mexico relations; or topics of comparative analysis between Mexico and California or the United States. Research activities that also contribute to identifying binational solutions to strategically important challenges such as climate change, migration or public health will be given special consideration.

Support

Funds may be used to supplement existing fellowship support by covering local living expenses, round-trip travel to and from the host institution, and monthly health insurance and visa fees. Based on the parameters of the proposed stay, awardees will receive funding up to a maximum of \$800 total toward the cost of one round trip to and from the host institution, \$1,500 per month toward living expenses (for up to three months), and \$150 per month toward short-term health insurance (for up to three months), if not enrolled in UC SHIP during the term of the stay.

Short-term stays at host institutions may last from a minimum of one month to a maximum of three months. Graduate students may request support for more than one short-term training experience at a host institution within a single application period as long as they clearly contribute to advancing the applicant's research and academic development. (For example, applicants may propose two non-continuous stays with a return to the home institution in the interim). Students are eligible to receive funding for a maximum of two total short-term stays (the total duration of the combined stays may not exceed three months) and a maximum of one round-trip travel to and from the host institution.

Eligibility

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a master's degree or doctoral-level program at the University of California. All graduate student applicants must have been continuously

enrolled in their program for at least one year by the time the proposed stay begins and must be in good standing within their program. This program is directed ideally to students who have completed their required coursework and/or advanced to candidacy.

UC graduate students must be hosted by a faculty member or researcher who holds a full-time appointment at the host institution in Mexico. All applicants must provide an invitation letter from the host institution to undertake a short-term stay, as well as a project plan approved by both their UC faculty advisor and Mexican host. (See submission of application section for more details regarding required materials).

Conditions

Each short-term stay is expected to result in the completion of the proposed work within the project period, and a final narrative report of activities approved by the Mexican host must be submitted to UC Alianza MX within 90 days of the completion of the residency. The support of UC Alianza MX should be acknowledged in all proposals, publications, conference materials, exhibitions, videotapes, or other academic products of the stay, and copies must be provided to UC Alianza MX.

This program does not allow research stays to be deferred more than 60 days from the originally proposed start date. If applicants are unable to undertake their short-term stay within the time period approved with their original application, they must re-apply to a future call for applications.

Submission

A complete application submitted to UC Alianza MX must include the items listed below. These must be submitted electronically in PDF format via this Google [form](#) prior to the application deadline in order for the application to be considered complete.

- Short-Term Stay Application Form.** The Google form can be accessed [here](#) or by request via email to julio.sosa@ucr.edu.
- Curriculum Vitae:** This must include educational achievements, academic positions and/or awards, a list of publications, and current works in progress. (Not to exceed three pages)
- Project plan.** This should summarize the specific research activities to be undertaken by the applicant, a timeline of these activities during the short-term stay at the Mexican host institution, and a specific research publication to result from these research activities. Activities must include a specific focus on Mexico, Calif./US-Mexico relations, or comparative studies of Mexico, as outlined on page 1. The project plan should also describe how the short-term stay fits within the context of the applicant's academic program. (Not to exceed two pages)
- Letter from the applicant's UC faculty advisor.** This letter should provide a statement of support for the applicant's participation in this short-term stay, confirm their approval of the applicant's project plan and timeline, and indicate that the applicant is in good academic standing within their program. (Not to exceed one page)

- ❑ **Letter of intent from the MX host institution.** This letter should indicate that the host is available and willing to oversee the applicant’s work and provide mentorship during the short-term stay, confirm approval for the applicant’s project plan and timeline, and review the potential benefits of the short-term stay for the applicant (Not to exceed one page)

Questions about electronic submission of these items should be directed to Julio Sosa, UC Alianza MX Academic and Research Programs Officer, at julio.sosa@ucr.edu.

Deadline

Applications must cover short-term research stays to be completed within the period of September 2023 to August 2024. To be considered, proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date indicated below.

Publication of the call	Monday, May 1, 2023
Application deadline	Friday, June 16, 2023
Publication of the results	Monday, July 17, 2023

Review and Selection

Proposals will be reviewed and selected for funding awards on the basis of evaluations by a review committee selected by UC Alianza MX. Evaluations will include the specific application components outlined in the call as well as the overall clarity, quality, and feasibility of the proposal, and the significance of the proposed activities for the applicant's academic advancement and training at the UC. Special consideration will be given to proposals that are part of a broader research effort, either individual or collective.

For additional information about this program, please contact:

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