REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
MOBILITY LAB

About the University of California Alianza MX
As a UC-based Initiative, Alianza MX is uniquely positioned to foster collaborations between the UC and Mexican partners in order to solve problems and seize opportunities in the California-Mexico agenda. Alianza MX does so by supporting a bilateral approach to basic and applied research as well as the two-way mobility of students and professors between California and Mexico.

Mobility Lab Overview
With the objective of creating and supporting academic mobility from the UC community to Mexico and giving UC students an opportunity to learn more about Mexico in a way that contributes to the knowledge they are receiving from their regular courses, Alianza MX is proud to release the ***2022-2023 Mobility Lab Request for Applications (RFA)*** for UC faculty interested in leading a short-term experiential learning mobility in Mexico as a complement to an existing academic program/course.

Through this RFA, Alianza MX's Mobility Lab is providing funding for UC faculty-led mobility programs to Mexico of up to 10 days and focused on experiential learning for Spring 2022 and until Summer 2023. The Alianza MX team will also be available to offer programmatic guidance to faculty to bolster engagement with local stakeholders through our networks all across the country and offer added value to the experience.

Program Objectives of the RFA
Benefits for Students:
- Provides an opportunity to experience course-learnt content in person and in situ.
- Creates peer-to-peer interactions between UC and Mexico students with access to expanded binational network.
- Offers career enriching practical experience.
- Allows for international engagement without extended time commitments.

Benefits for Faculty
- Enables collaboration between faculty at UC and Mexico institutions of higher education and other Mexican partners.
- Fosters the establishment of new networks and the reinforcement of existing ones.
- Provides an opportunity to expand topic(s) covered in traditional in-class courses, bringing first-hand knowledge, with an international perspective.

Eligibility
Ladder-rank faculty from any of the 10 UC campuses are invited to apply.

Proposed faculty-led mobilities must be designed to be mainly experiential-learning based in

any (but not limited to) the following areas:

- Business and Trade
- The Arts
- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Indigenous Studies
- Resource management
- Policy
- Human Rights
- Immigration

Applications must reflect the inclusion of the following components in the proposed programs:

1. <u>Significant fieldwork and experiential learning activities.</u> Classroom collaboration with Mexican partners will be accepted but the majority of the program activities must be focused on in-site experiential learning.
2. <u>Local stakeholder engagement.</u> Students must able to contextualize the program's activities and experience within the communities they will be carrying them out, and so engagement with varied stakeholders is encouraged. The Alianza MX team will be available to advise and coordinate with applicants to identify and engage with appropriate stakeholders in Mexico.
3. <u>Academic program correlation.</u> The mobility experience to Mexico is meant to be an added value to an existing academic program/course that students are already involved with in their home campus; it is also meant to be a career enriching opportunity for students. Credit determination and granting is reserved to each home campus but applications must reflect their pertaining equivalences.

Applicants must demonstrate institutional commitment and capacity. Each application must include the contact information of the UC faculty member that will serve as the lead. The proposal must be reviewed and approved by the international education program office from the home campus and include the supporting representative's information (contact your campus' International Affairs or Global Engagement Office or the equivalent on your campus).

Deadline

Only complete applications will be considered. This will be an open application period through October 31, 2022 for Mobility Lab programs planned from March 2022 through September 2023.

Proposals submitted to Alianza MX will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Applications are to be submitted in PDF format to alianzaucmx@ucr.edu with copy to veronica.sandoval@ucr.edu and using the following title format MobLab_CampusName_ProjectName.

Grant Award: Up to $20,000 per application

Allowable expenses are limited to travel expenses in the form of transportation costs; supplementary global health/travel insurance; lodging; meals and incidentals; and educational excursion fees for the leading faculty and a group of up to 20 students.

Budgetary discretion will be deferred to the home campus according to the budget included in the proposal. Funds will be disbursed to the home campus coordinating office.

Selection Criteria

We welcome programs that seek to build upon existing collaborations as well as programs seeking to establish new ones.

In addition to considerations such as quality of the proposal and feasibility (e.g., the extent to which proposed programs accommodate participating institutions' schedules and infrastructure), proposals are assessed along the following criteria:

- Mobility proposals that include the specific requirements of the RFA.
- Add value to the participating students' academic and professional development.
- Viability of the proposed mobility according to the outlined schedule, budget and experiential learning component.
- Address inequities faced by low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented student groups in California and Mexico.
- Encourage largescale, high-impact research and academic exchange applied to the California – Mexico agenda.

Additional questions? Contact Veronica Sandoval, Student Affairs & Extension Coordinator, at veronica.sandoval@ucr.edu.

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Faculty-led Program Proposal Form

The following form is a guide for UC faculty interested in applying for funding from Alianza MX for a faculty-led mobility program to Mexico. **If you need to add more information to the proposal, please attach it to this form.**

Please submit completed form to **alianzaucmx@ucr.edu** and **veronica.sandoval@ucr.edu.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

UC Faculty Full Name:	Click here to enter text.	**UC Campus**	Click here to enter text.
Email:	Click here to enter text.	**Phone Number:**	Click here to enter text.
Department:	Click here to enter text.	**Discipline:**	Click here to enter text.

Name of Academic Program/Course Affiliated with the Mobility:	Click here to enter text.
Title of Proposed Project/Subject for the Mobility:	Click here to enter text.
Proposed Mobility Dates:	Click here to enter text.
Project Location(s) in Mexico (state, community, academic institution):	Click here to enter text.
Number of Students Participating:	Click here to enter text.

UC Coordinating Office/Department:	Click here to enter text.	**UC Coordinating Officer Contact Name & Email:**	Click here to enter text.

Proposed Faculty-Led Mobility Program

A. Program Description:
Brief introduction that includes an overview of the proposed mobility, goals/objectives, summary of the proposed activities, etc. (max 500 words)

B. Course Pertinence:
How will the mobility complement the academic program/course? Are participating students required to produce specific outputs following the mobility? If so, please provide a description of these outputs. (max 300 words)

Click here to enter text.

C. Stakeholder Engagement:

Who are the existing partners that you plan to engage with through this proposed mobility program? How will you utilize Alianza MX's Mexican network to support the proposed program by engaging new counterparts and/or developing new relations?

Click here to enter text.

D. Timeline:

Please briefly outline a proposed timeline for the mobility.

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Additional Comments:

Click here to enter text.

PROJECT BUDGET INFORMATION					
Estimated Project Begin Date:	Click here to enter a date.	**Estimated Project End Date:**		Click here to enter a date.	
Estimated Total Project Cost:	Click here to enter amount.				
Additional funding provided by others (when applicable):		**Yes**	**No**	**Amount**	**Funding Source**
Unite/Program:		☐	☐	$ Click here to enter amount.	Enter funding source.
College/University Office:		☐	☐	$ Click here to enter amount.	Enter funding source.
Other:		☐	☐	$ Click here to enter amount.	Enter funding source.
Transportation Costs	Click here to enter amount.	*Description*			
Lodging	Click here to enter amount.	*Description*			
Meals and Incidentals	Click here to enter amount.	*Description*			
Supplementary Health/Travel Insurance	Click here to enter amount.	*Description*			
Other Costs	Click here to enter amount.	*Description*			
Total Funding Amount Requested from Alianza MX:	$ Click here to enter amount.				

Please briefly explain:

1. What is included in the budget categories and how does this relate to the project?

2. How does this budget demonstrate good value for money (could include briefly explaining how you have benchmarked costs or actions taken to ensure cost reasonableness)? (max 300 words)

Click here to enter text.

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APPROVAL SIGNATURES			
Project Requestor:		**Date:**	☐ **Endorsed** ☐ **Not Endorsed**
*Department Head/Authorized Chair/VC/Dean (Signature required only if providing funding):		**Date:**	☐ **Endorsed** ☐ **Not Endorsed**