

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-ALIANZA MEXICO

2023 Seed Funding Opportunity for Mobilities to Mexico

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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.

Context

Supporting the 10 UC campuses in increasing the mobility of UC students to Mexico is among Alianza MX's most strategic goals. Our proximity, shared border, integrated societies, and bilateral California – Mexico relationship all make Mexico an ideal and strategic destination for academic mobility. In addition to being the strongest commercial partner to the U.S., Mexico boasts cultural abundance, academic rigor, ecological diversity, a rich gastronomy and more. To sustain a healthy bilateral U.S.- Mexico relationship for the future, we must invest in the binational understanding of tomorrow's leaders.

Seed Funding

Alianza MX has reserved a seed fund of up to \$50,000 USD per UC campus to fund mobilities for UC students to Mexico in 2023.

The funds can be allocated to one or more mobility projects to Mexico throughout the year and will be awarded by Alianza MX to proposals that meet the criteria stated on this Call and based on the assessment of an Evaluation Committee.

The amount per campus is on reserve for each of the 10 UC campuses, however it will be transferable to other campuses if any one campus does not present proposals by the deadline established by this Call.

Allowable expenses are limited to travel expenses in the form of transportation costs; supplementary global health/travel insurance; lodging; meals and incidentals; and educational and/or excursion fees.

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.

Supplementary Funds

In addition to meeting the criteria outlined below, proposals must include some form of supplementary funding from the respective UC campus. The proposal must indicate the amount of supplementary funding and its intended use for the mobility.

Eligibility Criteria

The mobility modality will be open to determination by the requesting campus (e.g. faculty-led, capstone project, field research trip, etc.) but must meet the following criteria:

1. All proposed mobilities must have an academic and/or curricular value for participating students that can be quantifiable. Proposals must clearly state the learning outcomes of the proposed mobilities.
2. All proposed mobilities must be planned to extend between 1 and 6 weeks. Academic symposiums, conferences, and other events of this kind are excluded from this call.
3. All proposals must be submitted to Alianza MX by the coordinating office at the UC campus. Faculty members interested in submitting a proposal must do so through their corresponding department and/or their campus global office.
4. All proposed mobilities must be planned and coordinated by the campuses themselves or through a partnering third-party provider.
5. After the mobility completion, awardees must provide to Alianza MX participating student testimonials, photographs, projects and/or presentations that can be used for communication purposes.

All proposals submitted by the deadline established in this Call will be reviewed and assessed by an Evaluation Committee based on the clarity of the stated learning outcomes; the quantifiable academic and/or curricular value for participating students; the cost-efficiency of the proposal; the possibility of the programming becoming sustainable and recurrent; the content of the programming and its relevance to the U.S. and California-Mexico Agenda.

Who Can Apply

Proposals from UC faculty members and administrators are welcomed. Note that all proposals must attach a letter of support from a corresponding department Chair or Director to the proposal form linked in this Call.

Deadline

Proposals will be accepted through **March 31, 2023**.

All proposals must include the completed "Proposal Application Form" provided [here](#).

Please submit one form per proposed project.

Proposals must be sent via email to alianzaucmx@ucr.edu with copy to Veronica Sandoval veronica.sandoval@ucr.edu

Results

Results will be available from **April 17th, 2023** on the Alianza MX [website](#).

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