

FAQ: Short-Term Research in Mexico 2023-24

1. Do you have any suggestions for how students might find a faculty host in Mexico?

Students should first consult with their advisor to see if they have any existing collaborations with higher education institutions in Mexico. We can also provide a list of contacts upon request to help facilitate communication with faculty/researchers at some of our partner institutions in Mexico (email Julio Sosa at julio.sosa@ucr.edu if you need this list).

2. Does the letter of recommendation from the host PI need to be in English or can it be in Spanish? The letter of support from the host PI at the Mexican institution can be written in either English or Spanish.

3. Does the research have to focus on Mexico, or can it be broader? Would students focusing on psychological research be considered?

The scope of the research can focus on topics that are either relevant to MEXICO specifically or to US-MX relations more broadly. (For instance, your project may have a broader focus on migration patterns from Latin America). Research focusing on psychology and other social sciences is welcome.

4. Does UC Alianza MX prefer certain academic institutions to be the host institution for these research stays (public vs private)?

We do not have a preference or limit on where you can do your research stay but we do require that the host institution is an accredited higher education institution in Mexico. We also recommend that you check with the international affairs office at the institution where you seek to conduct your research stay, in case they require that you submit additional documents to them.

5. If we are planning to split the stay into two phases (for example one month during Fall 2023- and one month during Spring 2024), could we include in the budget the support for two round trips?

We will reimburse the cost of round-trip travel to and from the host institution up to \$800. Special justification is required for additional travel funding.

6. Are we required to have a thesis or dissertation project to apply?

Having a thesis or dissertation project is not a requirement for this program. This opportunity is intended to provide students with research experience, including work on pilot projects and/or other activities.

7. Should the work plan follow a specific format (calendar of activities, etc.)?

The first part of the project plan is a one-page summary that includes a timeline of research activities to be undertaken, and specific deliverables, i.e., publication/report to result from these research activities outlined in 1 page. The second part of the project plan is a description of how the research stay fits within the context of your academic program and how that will advance your knowledge and contribute to your professional development (1 page).

UC Alianza MX will support applications for research at any accredited institution in Mexico, but we have specific contacts at these Universities:

- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
- El Colegio de México (COLMEX)
- Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados (CINVESTAV)
- Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP)
- Universidad de Guadalajara (UDG)
- Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN)
- Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada (CICESE)
- Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC)
- Universidad Panamericana (UP)
- Tecnológico de Monterrey
- Universidad Autónoma Chapingo
- El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (EL COLEF)