

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ALIANZA MX
CALL FOR PROPOSALS: LATINO STUDIES PROJECTS
2025–2027 PROJECT CYCLE

Opening: Monday, June 3

Closing: Friday, August 30

Alianza MX announces a call for proposals for Latino Studies Projects on a two-year cycle beginning no earlier than January 2025 and ending no later than January 2027. Latino Studies Projects focus on U.S. Latino communities' relationship(s) to Mexico and broader American society, including through creative projects and performances that are recognized as scholarship in the arts and literature.

Through this call, University of California researchers can apply for up to **\$150,000** in seed funding for projects extending up to **24 months**. Funding may support the performance of research activities by project participants, including via travel to Mexico; hosting one or more convenings at a UC campus or at Casa de la Universidad de California in Mexico City; and consolidating long-term partnerships between the UC system and partners in Mexico such as academic institutions and/or non-academic stakeholders.

Project output may include publications (e.g., academic papers or policy briefs), convenings (e.g., conferences, seminars, or workshops), and/or curated programming (e.g., exhibitions or performances) that engage with the experiences of U.S. Latino communities, particularly in California, and their relationship(s) to Mexico.

Eligibility

- Projects must be led by a principal investigator (PI) from the UC and at least one (1) principal collaborator from a different UC campus. Academic collaborators from Mexico are encouraged but not required.
- Only University of California employees eligible under [UCOP Principal Investigator \(PI\) Guidelines](#) may submit proposals. *NOTE: Students and postdoctoral scholars cannot submit proposals.*
- PIs may submit only one proposal in response to this call and must propose unique activities that are not included in any other submission to a call for proposals organized by Alianza MX.
- PIs that have previously received a funding award from Alianza MX must submit all required final financial and narrative reports for other research projects before applying to this call.

Budgets

Allowable expenses include the following:

- Salary and benefits paid to the PI and/or specified academic collaborators, including faculty, academic staff, postdoctoral scholars, or student research assistants.
- Domestic and international travel for the PI and project participants. Applicable costs include transportation, lodging, and meals in accordance with UC campus guidelines.
- Research supplies and services, including laboratory fees, public opinion surveys.
- Program management and publication costs, including a project website.
- Event hosting costs at a UC campus or at Casa de la Universidad de California in Mexico City.
 - *Note: If planning to hold events at Casa de California, please contact Alianza MX for information on availability and costs.*

Latino Studies Project funding may not be used for the following:

- Payments to teaching assistants for department courses or seminars led by the PI.
- Student tuition or academic fees for academic collaborators.
- Equipment purchases for items over USD \$1,000.
- Reimbursement for activities that occur before the project period begins.
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead assessments.

Conditions

- Proposal submissions must specify at least one (1) additional funding source from which the PI has secured or will request funding support, which may come from another source at the UC or an extramural funder.
- If the research project has not yet received additional funding at the beginning of the project period funded by Alianza MX, the amount requested from an additional source must be greater than the funding award received from Alianza MX.
- Alianza MX support must be acknowledged in publications, extramural funding proposals, or other materials that directly result from this funding award.
- Funding award recipients must submit a final report within 60 days of the end of the grant period that includes copies of relevant publications, proposals, event reports, or other materials.

Submission of Proposals

The following items must be submitted via Google Form at the link below.

- Application:** Complete an application form that outlines the proposed research participants, activities, output(s), and timeline. Include contact information for the PI, department administrator to receive and administer the funding award, and the relevant UC campus Research or Contracts and Grants Office. Max. 5 pp. *Note: UC campus offices may require review of proposals prior to submission.*
- Qualifications:** Provide CV for the PI and principal academic collaborators, including at least one (1) from another UC campus, and professional bios or organizational information for key additional project participants. Max. 2 pp per CV and 1 pp per non-academic bio.
- Budget:** Provide an itemized list of planned expenditures divided between two project periods (e.g., Year 1 and Year 2) that includes the following categories: academic salaries and benefits; research supplies and services; program management and publication costs; domestic and international travel costs; and/or event hosting costs. Max. 3 pp.
- Additional Funding (if applicable):** Proposals that include documentation of matching funds provided by a UC campus or extramural source prior to the beginning of the project period will be considered favorably.

Review Process and Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by an evaluation committee organized by Alianza MX. In addition to such standard criteria as quality, clarity, and feasibility of the proposal, the evaluation process will also assess the unique potential of each proposal to advance new long-term collaborations between the UC system and Mexico. Pre-review of proposals will not be provided, and reviewer comments will only be provided upon request after funding awards are announced. Decisions on funding awards will be final.

Applicants should verify that participants in their proposed activities have the documentation required to participate fully. Please note that the U.S. State Department is responsible for all decisions regarding visas to enter the United States and Alianza MX is not able to expedite the process.

For other questions, please contact AlianzaMXResearch@ucr.edu.

**Please submit a complete proposal at the following link
no later than August 30, 2024:**

<https://forms.gle/xH1U6qkWLd9TU5wC7>