

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

Call for Applications 2025–2026

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

The purpose of the short-term stays will be for young scholars 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 one month (minimum) to three months (maximum). Students are eligible to receive funding for a maximum of two separate short-term stays with a return to the home institution in the interim (the total duration of the combined stays may not exceed three months).

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program at the University of California. All graduate student applicants must be enrolled in their program by the time the proposed stay begins and must be in good standing within their program.

Award recipients must be hosted by a faculty member or researcher who holds a full-time appointment at the host institution in Mexico. Their application must include 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 section below 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 stay. The support of UC Alianza MX should be acknowledged in all proposals, publications, conference materials, exhibitions, videos, or other academic products resulting from the stay, and copies must be provided to UC Alianza MX upon request.

Research stays may not be deferred more than 60 days from the original proposed start date. If applicants are unable to undertake their short-term stay within the award period of the call to which they applied, 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.** This form should be completed online via the Application Portal.
- 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 during the short-term stay in Mexico, a timeline of proposed activities, and a specific research product expected to result from these activities. Activities must include a specific focus on Mexico, California-Mexico or US-Mexico relations, or comparative studies of Mexico, as outlined above. 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, department chair, or program director.** This letter should provide a statement of support for the applicant's participation in this short-term research 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 willing to oversee the applicant's work and provide mentorship during the short-term stay, confirm their approval of the applicant's project plan and timeline, and review the potential benefits of the short-term stay for the applicant's academic accomplishments. (Not to exceed one page)

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

Deadline

Applications must cover short-term research stays to be completed between **September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026**. To be considered, proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date indicated below.

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| Publication of the call | March 21, 2025 |
| Application deadline | May 9, 2025 |
| Publication of the results | July 2025 |

Review and Selection

Proposals will be reviewed and selected for funding awards using evaluations performed 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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