



University of California Alianza MX

Latino Studies Projects

Call for Proposals: 2026–28 Project Cycle

Application Deadline: August 29, 2025

Alianza MX announces the following call for proposals for Latino Studies Projects on a two-year cycle for seed funding awards beginning in 2026.

The primary objectives of this program are to expand research on U.S. Latino communities and their relationships to Mexico in the broader context of contemporary U.S.-Mexican relations. The program seeks proposals for applied research in all areas of study, including multi-disciplinary research applications, with the aim of consolidating long-term binational partnerships between the UC system and partners in Mexico.

Research projects will be expected to advance academic understanding in the relevant discipline(s) as well as to demonstrate the real-world impact of insights gained through academic research. Research output may include publications, events, or other types of programming, including creative projects such as exhibitions or performances that are recognized as scholarship in the arts.

Eligibility

Proposal submissions must be submitted by a principal investigator (PI) eligible under [UCOP Principal Investigator Guidelines](#). Students and postdoctoral scholars cannot submit proposals.

Proposals must also include a project participant (or participants) from at least one (1) other UC campus. Any participant receiving funding through the project must be listed as a co-Principal Investigator (co-PI).

Proposals are not required to identify specific project participants from Mexico, but proposals that include plans to work with Mexican partners will be considered favorably in the evaluation process.

PIs may submit only one unique proposal that outlines specific activities not included in any other proposals submitted to calls organized by Alianza MX.

PIs that have previously received a funding award from Alianza MX must be up to date with all reporting requirements prior to submission.

Conditions of Award

Projects selected for funding may receive up to \$150,000 for projects beginning on or after February 1, 2026, and extending up to 24 months.

Allowable expenses for the use of funding awards include the following:

- Salary and benefits paid to UC faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars, or student research assistants.
- Research supplies and services. Applicable costs include but are not limited to database management, laboratory fees and materials, or survey administration.
- Project management and publication costs. Applicable costs include but are not limited to academic journal access or website hosting and design.
- Domestic and international travel for project participants. Applicable costs include transportation, lodging, and meals in accordance with UC campus guidelines.
- Event hosting costs at a UC campus, Casa de California, or a partner institution in Mexico. Please contact Alianza MX for information on Casa availability, rental fees, and local vendor costs.

Funding awards 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 project participants.
- Equipment purchases for items over USD \$5,000.
- Reimbursement for activities outside of the project period.
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead assessments.
- Sub-awards. Project funding allocated specifically to the PI (and co-PI if applicable) will be transferred directly by Alianza MX to the recipient(s). [Multiple Campus Awards \(MCAs\)](#) will not be utilized under this program.

As seed funding, awards from Alianza MX are not intended to be a source of continuing support, so PIs selected for funding awards will also be expected to establish a plan for securing additional support to continue their research activities beyond the initial 24-month project period.

- At the time of application, the PI (and co-PI if applicable) must specify at least two (2) additional funding sources from which they will request additional funding, and to justify the selection of these potential sources. Additional funding may be requested from either UC or extramural sources, and requests may also be included in a voluntary cost sharing arrangement with the Alianza MX award, or they may be pursued independently of this award. Proposals that include plans to request additional funding via cost sharing should also provide a clear justification for that decision.
- At the conclusion of the project, the PI (and co-PI if applicable) must demonstrate that they have requested (or were awarded) additional funding in a total amount that is equal to or greater than the Alianza MX award. For projects awarded additional funding before the end of the award period, PIs (and co-PIs if applicable) must demonstrate that they have requested additional funding in an amount equal to or greater than the difference between those awards and the initial Alianza MX award.

Alianza MX support must be acknowledged in publications, extramural funding proposals, public events, or other materials that directly result from this funding award.

Award recipients must submit a progress report at the mid-point of the project period and a final report at the end of the grant period. Award recipients should also submit copies of relevant publications, proposals, event summaries, or other reports to Alianza MX.

Submission of Proposals

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

- ☐ **Application Form:** A complete form should outline the proposed research participants, activities, output(s), and timeline. Include contact information for the UC PI and co-PI, department administrator, and contracts & grants officers. *(Note: Funding awards are administered as intramural funding. Proposals should be reviewed by the sponsored projects office on the home campus of the PI (and co-PI if applicable) prior to submission.)*
- ☐ **Qualifications:** Provide CV for the PI (and co-PI if applicable) and professional bios for any additional project participants, including non-academic individuals and/or organizations. Max. 2 pp per CV and 1 pp per stakeholder bio.
- ☐ **Budget:** Provide a summary of planned expenditures and justifications for expenditures in 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. The budget should clearly indicate specific funding requests for the PI (and co-PI if applicable) in 12-month increments (e.g., Year 1 and Year 2 of the project). Max. 2 pp total. *(Note: Review of the proposal budget by a financial analyst is not required but is strongly recommended prior to submission.)*
- ☐ **Additional Funding (required):** Provide a list of at least two (2) additional funding sources from which the PI (and co-PI) plans to request additional funding, and a brief justification for selecting these potential sources. If planning to request additional funding via cost share, please provide a clear justification for that arrangement. Max. 1 pp total.
- ☐ **Additional Funding (if applicable):** Provide documentation of any additional funding applications submitted by or awards issued to the PI (and co-PI if applicable), including from UC or extramural sources, as well as a brief description of how this funding will complement a seed funding award from Alianza MX. Proposals that include documented submission of additional funding applications or issue of additional funding awards will be considered favorably.

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 potential of each proposal to advance long-term collaboration between the UC system and partners in Mexico. Neither pre-review of proposals nor reviewer comments will be provided. Proposals selected for funding will be final.

Applicants should verify that participants listed in their proposal have the documentation required for full participation. Please note that Alianza MX is not able to expedite the process for international participants to obtain visas required to enter the United States.

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

Please submit a complete proposal at the following link
no later than August 29, 2025:

<https://forms.gle/rNgMGPPdJh3Asrnt5>