

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ALIANZA MX
SMALL GRANTS FOR CONFERENCES & TRAVEL
CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2026**

<i>Activity Period</i>	<i>Application Deadline</i>
<i>Spring 2026: Jan 1–Apr 31</i>	<i>Monday, December 1, 2025</i>
<i>Summer 2026: May 1–Aug 31</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 31, 2026</i>
<i>Fall 2026: Sep 1–Dec 31</i>	<i>Friday, July 31, 2026</i>

University of California Alianza MX (Alianza MX) announces a call for proposals for small grants for conferences and travel in 2026. Through this call, UC researchers can apply for up to USD \$5,000 in funding to support the following activities during one of the award periods listed above:

- a) Traveling to present at a conference, seminar, or workshop, or to perform at an event, in Mexico;
- b) Hosting a conference, seminar, workshop, or performance related to Mexico at a UC campus.

Proposals should identify a specific period in which activities are scheduled to take place and should be submitted via the Application Portal for that period (*see below*). Proposals for each activity period will be accepted through the application deadline date, and recipients will be notified of funding awards following that date.

Eligibility

- Only UC employees eligible under [UCOP Principal Investigator \(PI\) Guidelines](#) may submit proposals. *Note: Students and postdoctoral researchers cannot submit proposals.*
- PIs may submit only one proposal in each period and must propose unique activities that are not included in other funding proposals submitted to Alianza MX.
- PIs may not apply to this call if they have an active research project funded by Alianza MX (e.g., strategic research, Latino studies, joint research, etc.) at the time of their proposal submission.
- PIs may receive a maximum of two (2) funding awards through this call during 2026. If PIs apply in multiple periods, they must submit a unique proposal in each period.

Budgets

Allowable expenses include the following:

- Domestic and international travel costs for the PI and/or invited presenters or performers.
- Event hosting costs at a UC campus, including (but not limited to) rental fees, meals, audiovisual services, and academic honoraria.

Non-allowable expenses include the following:

- Travel which does not include a presentation or performance by the PI.
- Salary payments to the PI or other academic salaries, including research/teaching assistants.
- Student tuition or academic fees.

- Event hosting costs at Casa de la Universidad de California in Mexico City.
- Reimbursement for activities that occur *before* the relevant period.
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead assessments.

Conditions

- Funding award recipients must submit a final report demonstrating how the funding award was used to support the relevant activities and any resulting outcomes.
- Alianza MX support must be acknowledged in any published materials that directly result from the activities supported by this funding award.

Proposal Submission

Proposals must include the following components in a single file (.pdf format preferred):

- ☐ **Cover Page:** Include contact information for the PI and department administrator to receive and administer the funding award. Max. 1 pp. (*Note: Proposals do not require review by the campus office of sponsored projects.*)
- ☐ **Purpose:** Provide a narrative statement explaining the request for funds, including a timeline of activities. Max. 2 pp.
- ☐ **Budget:** Provide a summary of planned expenditures. Max. 1 pp.
- ☐ **Qualifications:** For travel to present at a conference in Mexico, include bio or CV for the PI. For event hosting at a UC campus, please include qualifications for the PI and guest speakers or performers. Max. 2 pp.
- ☐ **Invitation/Agenda:** For travel to present at a conference in Mexico, include the invitation or acceptance of paper. For event hosting at a UC campus, include a draft agenda. Max. 2 pp.
- ☐ **Matching Funds (if applicable):** Proposals that include documentation of matching funds provided by a UC campus or extramural sources will be considered favorably.

Review & Selection

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 process will also assess the potential to advance novel or unique forms of collaboration between the UC system and partners in Mexico. Alianza MX will not provide pre-review of proposals nor feedback on submissions. Proposal selections for funding awards will be final.

Applicants should verify that event participants have the documentation required for full participation. Please note that Alianza MX cannot expedite the visa process for participants to enter the United States.

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

Please use the links below to apply before the deadline for each activity period:

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