The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States

Funding Opportunities — 2008
What is UC MEXUS?

The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) was established in 1980 to identify, focus, and augment the resources of the ten campuses of the University as they relate to research, education, creative activity, and public service concerning Mexico and people of Mexican origin.
Areas of Interest

**MEXICAN STUDIES** as related to Mexican history, society, politics, culture, arts, and economy

**U.S.-MEXICO RELATIONS** in contemporary and historical context, in terms of the economic, political, demographic, and cultural interactions between Mexico and the United States

**LATINO STUDIES** related to the history, society, culture, and condition of Mexican-origin populations in the context of American society and institutions, including their interactions with other U.S. immigrant groups

**CRITICAL ISSUES** in terms of urgent public policy or academic topics affecting Mexico, the United States and Mexico, the U.S.-Mexico relationship, or Mexican-origin populations in the United States

**UC-MEXICO COLLABORATION** between U.S. and Mexican scientists in all disciplines, including the basic and applied sciences, humanities, and the arts
2008 Call for Proposals

UC MEXUS Grant Programs

UC MEXUS Grants for UC Principal Investigators
UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grants for UC Graduate Students
UC MEXUS Small Grants for UC Principal Investigators

UC MEXUS-CONACYT Programs

Collaborative Grants for Teams of UC and Mexican Researchers

Doctoral Fellowships for Mexican students pursuing their doctoral degrees at UC campuses

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships for recent Mexican Ph.D.s at University of California campuses and recent UC Ph.D.s at Mexican academic institutions

Visiting Scholar Fellowships for short- to long-term stays of Mexican faculty at UC campuses and UC faculty at Mexican academic institutions
Funding Opportunities

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2008 Grants Calls for Proposals

Annual Competitions:

UC MEXUS Grants
Proposal Deadline: March 31

Dissertation Research Grants
Proposal Deadline: March 31

Small Grants
Proposal Deadlines: Feb. 4, June 2, Oct. 6

UC MEXUS-CONACYT Collaborative Research Grants
Proposal Deadline: March 10

Focused Topic Competition:

UC MEXUS-CONACYT Climate Change Research in Mexico and California Grants
Proposal Deadline: June 2
How do UC MEXUS grants work?

**SEED FUNDING** – projects and partnerships should outgrow us

**UC-MEXICO COLLABORATION** – Mexico is not a field site; it is an academic partner.

**STUDENT TRAINING** – projects should lead to the development of the next generation of researchers in both countries

**ALL DISCIPLINES** – natural, physical, social sciences, humanities, and the arts; basic and applied.

**PEER REVIEW** to maintain a high standard of excellence
MYTH #1
UC MEXUS sets priorities for specific research topics.

MYTH #2
UC MEXUS sets funding limits or targets for each campus.

MYTH #3
UC MEXUS only funds in the social sciences and humanities.

MYTH #4
UC MEXUS only funds in the natural and physical sciences.

“DISCOVERY” PROGRAMS
Awards are based on research excellence, and the programs do not have preset targets for disciplines or campuses. The funding distributions are a reflection of what we receive.
UC MEXUS Grants

- Basic & Applied Research
- Collaboration Development
- Binational Conferences
- New Creative Works
- Public Service and Education Programs addressing critical U.S. and Mexican issues

- “FACULTY GRANTS PROGRAM” — open to eligible UC P.I.s
- MAXIMUM AMOUNT: Up to $15,000 for one year
- OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES
- SEED GRANTS: potential for extramural funding, continued development, or lasting academic impact

Deadline for receipt of proposals: March 31, 2008
UC MEXUS Grants

“Faculty” Grants 1998-2007

Proposal Success Percentage:
- 1998 – 52%
- 1999 – 40%
- 2000 – 52%
- 2001 – 70%
- 2002 – 73%
- 2003 – 41%
- 2004 – 60%
- 2005 – 33%
- 2006 – 58%
- 2007 – 51%
- Overall – 54%

- Social Sciences & Humanities: 50%
- Physical Sciences: 4%
- Life/Natural Sciences: 33%
- Arts: 13%

- UCSB: 14%
- UCSF: 12%
- UCSD: 6%
- UCSC: 1%
- UCM: 0%
- UCB: 10%
- UCD: 17%
- UCI: 5%
- UCLA: 18%
- UCR: 12%
UC MEXUS Dissertation Grants

- Advancement of science and scholarship
- Development of collaborations in all disciplines with Mexican institutions and colleagues
- Issues of importance to Mexico and/or Mexican-origin populations in the U.S.

- UC GRADUATE STUDENTS: “ABD” or final MFA project; must have advanced to candidacy by June 30, 2008
- MAXIMUM AMOUNT: Up to $12,000 over a period of two years
- RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND TRAVEL directly related to the completion of the dissertation
- OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES
- MEXICAN ACADEMIC AFFILIATION for any activities in Mexico

Deadline for receipt of proposals: March 31, 2008
UC MEXUS Dissertation Grants


Proposal Success Percentage:
- 1998 – 50%
- 1999 – 44%
- 2000 – 53%
- 2001 – 69%
- 2002 – 74%
- 2003 – 71%
- 2004 – 80%
- 2005 – 61%
- 2006 – 42%
- 2007 – 52%
- Overall – 58%

Physical Sciences 2%
Life/Natural Sciences 29%
Social Sciences & Humanities 67%
Arts 2%

UCB 15%
UCSC 10%
UCM 0%
UCSB 1%
UCSD 9%
UCSF 9%
UCR 15%
UCDA 17%
UCLA 8%
UCI 16%
UCLA 15%
UC MEXUS Small Grants

- Research or planning visits
- Conference travel to present the results of UC MEXUS-funded research
- Visiting scholars or artists
- Lectures or performances
- Public service programs

- UC FACULTY & RESEARCHERS – open to eligible UC P.I.s
- SPECIAL or SHORT-TERM NEEDS related to developing projects or presentations of previously funded research
- “SEED” SEED FUNDING
- MAXIMUM AMOUNT: $1,500 for 1 year

Deadlines for receipt of proposals:
- February 4
- June 2
- October 6, 2008
UC MEXUS Small Grants

UC MEXUS Small Grants 1998-2007

Proposal Success Percentage:
- 1998: 73%
- 1999: 77%
- 2000: 70%
- 2001: 91%
- 2002: 90%
- 2003: 95%
- 2004: 73%
- 2005: 87%
- 2006: 67%
- 2007: 89%
- Overall: 82%

- Physical Sciences: 8%
- Life/Natural Sciences: 36%
- Social Sciences & Humanities: 45%
- Arts: 11%

- UCSB: 13%
- UCSC: 10%
- UCM: 1%
- UCB: 9%
- UCSF: 4%
- UCSD: 5%
- UCR: 24%
- UCLA: 9%
- UCD: 18%
- UCI: 7%
UC MEXUS-CONACYT Grants

- Basic & Applied Research
- Instructional Development
- Public Service and Education Programs as applied to public issues

- BINATIONAL TEAMS: Co-P.I.s from UC campuses and Mexican Institutions
- MAXIMUM AMOUNT: Up to $25,000 for 1.5 years
- OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES except the arts
- TRUE COLLABORATIONS: equal involvement of P.I.s
- STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: training opportunities for students
- SEED FUNDING: the potential for extramural funding or continued development

Deadline for receipt of proposals: March 10, 2008
Electronically submitted only
UC MEXUS-CONACYT Grants


Proposal Success Percentage:
1998 – 73%
1999 – 28%
2000 – 43%
2001 – 41%
2002 – 57%
2003 – 47%
2004 – 49%
2005 – 58%
2006 – 43%
2007 – 67%
Overall – 48%

Physical Sciences
26%

Social Sciences & Humanities
16%

Life/Natural Sciences
58%

UCB 11%
UCD 21%
UCSD 14%
UCSB 5%
UCSC 8%
UCM 0%
UCR 16%
UCI 7%
UCLA 15%
UC MEXUS-CONACYT Grants

UC MEXUS-CONACYT Collaborative Grants
Distribution in Mexico 2005-2007

GOALS & CONCERNS
Fill in the white spaces on the map.
Increase awareness of UC MEXUS funding opportunities throughout Mexico

1. Aguascalientes
2. Baja California
3. Baja California Sur
4. Campeche
5. Chiapas
6. Chihuahua
7. Coahuila
8. Colima
9. Durango
10. Guanajuato
11. Guerrero
12. Hidalgo
13. Jalisco
14. Estado de México
15. Michoacán de Ocampo
16. Morelos
17. Nayarit
18. Nuevo León
19. Oaxaca
20. Puebla
21. Querétaro
22. Quintana Roo
23. San Luis Potosí
24. Sinaloa
25. Sonora
26. Tabasco
27. Tamaulipas
28. Tlaxcala
29. Veracruz-Llave
30. Yucatán
31. Zacatecas
32. Distrito Federal

Proposals
Funded Projects
UC MEXUS-CONACYT
International Academic Programs

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UC MEXUS-CONACYT
International Academic Programs

- Doctoral Fellowships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Visiting Scholar Fellowships
Postdoctoral and Visiting Scholar Fellowships

Provide the opportunity for academic exchange by Mexican and UC scholars, to further individual fellow’s scholarly or scientific advancement and expand binational collaborations.

Applicants may connect these fellowships to projects submitted to the Collaborative Grants competition, but the proposals submitted to each competition must be unique.

Deadline for electronic submission of proposals: March 10, 2008
Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Up to 18 fellowships are awarded each year, with a preferred even split between UC and Mexican postdoctoral scholars.

- Postdoctoral scholars receive up to $34,000 for up to 12 months and support towards health insurance from CONACYT.

- All disciplines but the arts.

- Applicants must earn their Ph.D. by April 4, 2008 and within two years of the publication of the Call.
Postdoctoral Fellowships

For recent UC Ph.D.’s conducting stays in Mexico:

May apply only for residencies in Mexico and must be hosted by a Mexican faculty member or researcher who holds a full-time appointment.

Applicants are particularly sought for residencies at Mexico’s state universities, research institutes or centers located outside of Mexico City.

For recent Mexican Ph.D.’s conducting stays at the U.C.:

May apply only for residencies at UC campuses and must be hosted by eligible UC faculty or researchers. (See UC Policy on Eligibility to Submit Proposals.)

Mexican students previously supported by UC MEXUS-CONACYT under the cost-sharing program are not eligible for this program.
New Program: Visiting Scholar Fellowships

- Provide an opportunity for short- to long-term stays of 3 to 12 months by Mexican and UC researchers at host institutions.

- Support includes $4,000 per month with nominal support towards health insurance from CONACYT.

- Visiting scholars may participate in a wide range of activities including research, teaching or co-teaching, sharing and/or acquisition of expertise, and writing.

- Mexican fellows be registered in the SNI at Level 1 or higher.
UC-CONACYT Faculty, Postdoctoral, and Sabbatical Fellowships by Discipline, 2002-2007

- Biological Science: 42%
- Physical Science: 25%
- Social Science: 12%
- Architecture: 1%
- Engineering: 8%
- Health and Medical: 9%
- Education: 1%
- Computer Science: 1%
- Law: 1%
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UC MEXUS-CONACYT
Doctoral Fellowships

- Provide up to 5 years of funding for doctoral studies at any UC campus. Support includes payment of non-resident tuition and fees, stipend, and nominal support towards health insurance.

- For Mexican students doing doctoral studies at UC campuses. (In some cases, CONACYT provides funding for Master’s level studies.)

- Fund doctoral study in all academic disciplines except the Arts.

- Students apply to UC campuses/departments and to CONACYT.

- **Social Sciences**: 29%
- **Engineering**: 17%
- **Biological Sciences**: 17%
- **Health & Medicine**: 3%
- **Computer Science**: 5%
- **Physical Sciences**: 12%
- **Humanities**: 8%
- **Education**: 3%
- **Law**: 1%
- **Environmental Studies**: 3%
- **Other**: 2%
Snapshots of UC MEXUS-CONACYT
Doctoral Fellows

Rolando Menchaca-Mendez (4th year)
UC Campus: UC Santa Cruz
UC Dept: Computer Engineering
Home Institution: Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana
Current Research: Improving the Efficiency of Multicast Routing Protocols for Mobile Ad Hoc Networks
Award/Honor: Advanced to Candidacy in June 2007

Liza Edith Gomez Daglio (1st year)
UC Campus: UC Merced
UC Dept: Quantitative & Systems Biology
Home Institution: Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur
Current Research: Integrative Taxonomy of Neritic Scyphozoan Jellyfishes (Semaestomeae & Rhizostomeae) in the Gulf of California
Award/Honor: Graduated with Honors, Master’s Degree 2003
Snapshots of UC MEXUS-CONACYT Doctoral Fellows

Julio Carballido-Gamio (Alumni 2006)

UC Campus: UC San Francisco

UC Dept: Joint Graduate Group in Bioengineering

Home Institution: Universidad Iberoamericana

Dissertation Research: MRI Quantification of Cartilage of the Knee

Current Position: Specialist in the Department of Radiology at UC San Francisco

Emilio Martinez de Velasco Aguirre (3rd year)

UC Campus: UC Berkeley

UC Dept: City & Regional Planning

Home Institution: Universidad Iberoamericana

Current Research: Innovation and Regional Economic Development in Mexico

Award/Honor: UCB Graduate Division Summer Grant 2007
Tips for Proposal Submission!

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Tips for Proposal Submission!

Select your program

Funding Opportunities

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Please consult the Resources page for additional information useful to preparing your proposal, including FAQs, writing suggestions, other funding sources, the UC policy for P.I. eligibility, and UC campus research office. A posting service for research collaboration is also available.
Tips for Proposal Submission!

Read the instructions

Annual Call for Proposals 2008

Please consult the Resources page for additional information such as proposal writing suggestions, FAQs, and UC eligibility requirements. Awards from previous competitions are listed in Program Results, George E. Brown Award.

UC MEXUS-CONACYT
Grants for Collaborative Projects

$25,000 Maximum for up to 1.5 years
Deadline for receipt of proposals: March 10, 2008

A Program Established Under the UC-CONACYT Agreement of Cooperation in Higher Education and Research, July 25, 1997

Before submission, please read the description and instructions on this page. Make sure you are eligible to apply.

There is only one method of proposal submission: Electronic submission submit your proposal online

Uploading Requirements and Instructions
Read first before submitting a proposal electronically.

Download the Collaborative Grant application in its entirety [PDF]
Tips for Proposal Submission!

✔ Be aware of prior campus deadlines at the Office of Research or Sponsored Projects.

✔ Fill out the forms completely, including the required signatures and attachments.

✔ No e-mails or faxes! All attached letters must include original signatures and be on letterhead.

✔ Send the proposal by the Friday before the deadline at the very latest.

✔ RETAIN YOUR OWN COPY and provide a copy for your department administrator.
Tips for Proposal Writing!

- Keep the text and format simple, clean, and short. Don’t get fancy – make it easy for the reviewers to read and understand.

- State your research questions, goals, and methods clearly. That is, let the reviewers know what you are going to do and how you will do it.

- Beware of cutting and pasting from other proposals. It takes away from overall coherence and makes the reviewers cranky.

- These are seed funding programs, so indicate what will be seeded in terms of long-term plans, benefits, academic impact, and future funding.
Tips for Proposal Writing!

- Define the participants’ roles – don’t “name drop”
- Let reviewers know about student involvement. They like that!
- Do not include Mexico just as a field site. Make sure you indicate involvement or collaboration with Mexican researchers and/or institutions.
- Make the budget readable to the average person and academic reviewer. We’re not all accountants here.
- Make sure that the budget items are allowable.
- Have a colleague read your proposal before you submit it.

REVIEW CATEGORIES

Fit to the program
Quality of the proposal and project
Quality of UC-Mexico collaborations or host-fellow relationships
Significance of the project for research, education, and/or academic career development
Thank you

For additional information about UC MEXUS programs consult the UC MEXUS website at ucmexus.ucr.edu

“UC MEXUS is a critical program that facilitates building transnational partnerships and increasing the knowledge base about Latinos on both sides of the border.”

“I consider UCMEXUS [to have] all the programs . . . necessary to start and continue in a collaboration with UC scientists of the highest level.”

“Your programs are great!”