

**CALL TO UC CAMPUSES**  
**UC-MEXICO INITIATIVE**  
**AREAS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO CALIFORNIA AND MEXICO**

The UC-Mexico Initiative provides a strategic framework for development of research, education, and outreach programs on issues of critical importance to California and Mexico. These efforts are carried out in collaboration with academia, government, and industry in Mexico and, as appropriate, with partners in California and the US as well.

Today, the California- Mexico relationship is more important than ever. The UC-Mexico Initiative invites the submission of one-page pre-proposals on topics of critical importance to both California and Mexico that define priority areas of research for the UC system in collaboration with Mexican partners. Pre-proposals should have the potential for development into proposals that would also have a policy dimension. Criteria that will be considered include the following:

- A shared challenge, issue, or opportunity between Mexico and California, with the potential to make a difference or have a significant impact on both (with possible extrapolation to the US)
- Implications for the creation, implementation, and evaluation of public policy
- Availability of UC expertise and resources that can be brought to bear on the issue
- Engagement of multiple UC campuses and/or national laboratories
- Potential collaborator(s) in Mexico
- Opportunity to leverage UC investment with external funding
- Multi-year funding cannot be guaranteed

Topics should be focused on a specific issue of opportunity, and not a broad domain. Examples of topics that have been suggested for support by the UC-Mexico Initiative include:

- Impact of technology on agricultural labor in California and Mexico
- Educational challenges facing K-12 students who cross the border, sometimes frequently
- Impact of environmental factors and climate change on mitigation of Valley fever
- Accelerating the transition to energy efficient buildings and cities in California and Mexico

Pre-proposals should be limited to two pages, or approximately 1000 words. Pre-proposals should outline the project or activity, highlight deliverables/outcomes, and provide a high level timeframe and budget. Please submit by January 15, 2018 to: [ucmexicoinitiative@ucr.edu](mailto:ucmexicoinitiative@ucr.edu).

Pre-proposals will be reviewed by members of the UC-Mexico Initiative Leadership Council<sup>1</sup>. A subcommittee will review submissions to select 3 to 5 priority issues that leverage unique expertise across the university system. These will be invited to submit full proposals of up to \$250,000.

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<sup>1</sup> Leadership Council members are Guillermo Aguilar (Professor and Chair of Mechanical Engineering, UCR), Stefano Bertozzi (Dean of School of Public Health, UCB), Exequiel Ezcurra (Director, UC MEXUS), Melissa Floca (Chief Strategy Officer, USMEX at UCSD), Patricia Gándara (Professor Emeritus, GSOE, UCLA and co-Director of Civil Rights Project, UCLA), Elyse Gonzales (Asst Director/Curator of Exhibitions at AD&A Museum, UCSB), Harley Shaiken (Professor of Education and Geography and Director of Center for Latin American Studies, UCB), Horst Simon (Deputy Director, LBNL), Ed Taylor (Professor, Agriculture and Resource Economics), Kim A. Wilcox (UC Riverside Chancellor and Executive Sponsor of UC-Mexico Initiative)