The UC-Mexico Initiative was launched in January 2014 by UC President Janet Napolitano, with UC Riverside as the lead campus. The objective of the Initiative is to create a sustained, strategic and equal partnership between UC campuses and Mexico institutions to identify common areas of interest, address critical issues and educate our next generation of leaders.

**Faculty/student mobility initiatives**
- 73 UC students in faculty-led courses in Mexico
- 66 students from Mexico in faculty-mentored summer research programs
- 23 UC-EAP students at UNAM
- 350 ESL students in 4-week Extension programs, November-December 2014
- 31 Doctoral Fellows, UC MEXUS-CONACYT Doctoral Fellows (cohort 2014)
- 12 UC MEXUS Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Small Grants awarded
- 30 UC MEXUS-CONACYT Faculty Collaboration Grants awarded
- 8 UC MEXUS-CICESE Graduate Student Short-Term Research and Non-degree Training awarded

**UC-Mexico Activities**
- UC-Mexico Workshop identified challenges and opportunities, established principles, and proposed structure of the Initiative (80 participants: 25 from Mexico and 55 from UC, held January 2014)
- Introduction of Initiative to representatives from UNAM, SEP, SRE, CONACYT and ANUIES (March 2014)
- Signing of MOU between UC and CONACYT and participation in official launching of POBESII (May 2014)
- Launch of Governor Brown’s California-Mexico Higher Education Working Group (June 2014)
- Participation in Governor’s trade mission to Mexico (July 2014)
- Informal signing of MOU between UC and UNAM (September 2014)
- Identification of initial collaborations with ANUIES, CONACYT, CONACULTA, UNAM (September 2014)
- Symposium on the Mexican Diaspora in San Diego, (part of the International Diaspora Engagement Alliance), held at UC San Diego (October 13, 2014)
  - Attended by 150 representatives from academia, business community
  - Organized by the UCSD Center for US-Mexican Studies, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, and Institute of the Americas

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- Mexico’s Ministry of Energy (SENER) visit to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and UC (October 30 and 31, 2014)
  - Signing of MOU between UC and SENER
  - Exploration of proposed energy law certificate programs and other efforts to train the energy workforce
- CONACULTA visit to UC (November 12-13, 2014); Development of a UC-CONACULTA action plan for 2015-2016

Upcoming Events

- Inaugural meeting of UC-Mexico Initiative’s Advisory Board (February 26-27 2015, Ensenada, Mexico)
- US-Mexico Sister Cities Association Conference (February 28, 2015, Riverside, CA)
- UC Mexicanistas Conference (May 14-16, 2015, UC Irvine)
- Going Global Conference (proposed, June 1-2, 2015, London)
- Renewal of UC-CONACYT Agreement (June 2015)
- Signing of UC-CONACULTA MOU (Spring 2015)

Structure of the Initiative

- Advisory Board:
  - Advises on strategic direction, policy, and resource issues
  - Co-chaired by UC President Janet Napolitano and UNAM Rector José Narro
- Working Groups and Task Force on Student Mobility:
  - Working groups in areas of energy, education, environment, health, and arts/culture; and a task force on student mobility
  - Foster collaborative research and scholarly activity on critical issues
  - Members are faculty from all 10 UC campuses/national labs and partners from Mexican universities and government agencies
- Internal Coordinating Committee:
  - Coordinates UC system-wide activities and interests
  - Comprised of working group chairs and vice chairs plus directors of UC centers focused on Mexico
- Initiative administration:
  - Executive Sponsor: UCR Chancellor Wilcox
  - Project Lead: UCR Associate Chancellor Cindy Giorgio
  - Assistant Directors: Alberto Diaz and Veronique Rorive