

CALL FOR OPPORTUNITY FUND PROPOSALS UC-MEXICO INITIATIVE

California and Mexico have a long shared history of traditions, cultures, people, geography, and issues. In the past 30 years, these regions have experienced and continue to be impacted by migrations, increased labor market integration, natural disasters and environmental challenges, among other things. This, combined with a complex political relationship between our nations, has created a dynamic and unique moment in time, and an opportunity to address these challenges in a responsive manner.

Recognizing the need to respond to these dynamic relations and situations, the UC-Mexico Initiative is providing opportunity funds to address them. These resources are intended to take advantage of special opportunities or emerging issues that require a responsive approach, and that would benefit from collaborative research or scholarly activity between UC and Mexican counterparts. These funds are to be a flexible source of financial and technical assistance, and will support emerging, high-impact, and time sensitive opportunities.

The UC-Mexico Initiative will make available opportunity funds to support proposals that meet the following criteria:

- Provide a timely response to an emerging or time-sensitive issue, or a unique opportunity
- Have implications and possible application for formation of public policy or will provide useful data for decision makers
- Potential impact on or benefit to both California and Mexico
- Appropriateness of budget
 - No more than 10 percent on administrative expenses
 - Within established dollar limit of \$10,000¹
 - Opportunity to leverage funds from external sources
- Submission of final report on deliverables or outcomes and, if applicable, next steps

Because proposals are time sensitive, they may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the UC Mexico Initiative Leadership Council². Proposals must include a clear statement that explains why the proposed activity should be considered particularly dynamic, high risk or high impact, and the nature and significance of its potential impact on the field. In addition, the proposal needs to identify deliverables or outcomes, a timeline, and budget with related justification.

It is strongly encouraged that applicants contact the UC-Mexico Initiative at ucmexicoinitiative@ucr.edu or 951-827-4558 before submitting an opportunity fund proposal. This will help ensure that applicants meet the requirements.

¹ If funding needs exceed \$10,000, please contact the administrative office of the UC-Mexico Initiative by email at ucmexicoinitiative@ucr.edu, or by phone at 951-827-4558.

² 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).