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UC-UNAM-COMEXUS Short-term Faculty Exchange Program: Energy Fellows
(Short term visits up to 1 quarter/year)

In collaboration with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and the US-Mexico Commission for Cultural and Educational Exchanges (COMEXUS), UC researchers have the opportunity to broaden and strengthen their research in the areas of energy (energy efficiency, smart grid, water/energy nexus, innovative/new materials) and to engage in collaborations with UNAM researchers on energy-related topics. Fellows are encouraged to conduct seminars and workshops while at UNAM, and serve as a faculty mentor.

UNAM is the oldest higher education institution in the Americas. Its main campus is located in Mexico City and is classified as a World Heritage site. UNAM oversees at least 18 research and teaching facilities and four observatories throughout the country including those at Morelia and Ensenada—including the Institute of Renewable Energies (www.ier.unam.mx).

Program Description:

The UC-UNAM-COMEXUS short-term faculty exchange program is intended to provide opportunities for interactions between UC and UNAM faculty (and students) in the area of energy research. The program duration can range from a few weeks to the equivalent of one quarter/semester.

Host institution expectations:

- Will arrange housing, but visiting faculty member is expected to pay for the costs
- Will provide office and lab space, as appropriate

Benefits:

- Monthly incentive
- One round trip international airfare (U.S. - Mexico only)
- Reimbursable award for research materials donated to host institution or research site (up to \$5,000)

Eligibility requirements:

- This fellowship is open to all levels of UC researchers working in energy research areas.
- UC faculty living, working or studying in Mexico are not eligible to apply.
- Intermediate proficiency in Spanish is preferred.

Application package:

- A short prospectus (not to exceed 3 pages) indicating what the fellow hopes to accomplish while at UNAM; how he/she expects to interact with the UNAM community; and what the specific end products will be.
- An updated curriculum vita.
- Documentation that applicant has been released from his/her teaching or research responsibilities at their home campus or institution for the duration of the residency. The fellowship will not pay for faculty release.
- Letter of invitation from UNAM campus, institution or research facility.

Review process:

Applications will be reviewed by a UC, UNAM and COMEXUS review panel, and will be reviewed on how thoughtfully conceived, impactful, clearly written and organized, and tractable the proposal is given the budget and schedule.

Decisions on funding will be made one month following application submission.

Deadline:

Applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis.

All application materials should be submitted to:

Dr. Renée González de la Lama, COMEXUS Director of Programs

Additional information:

For questions regarding the general scope of this call and application submission, please Dr. Renée González de la Lama, COMEXUS Director of Programs,
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