

Overview: UC-Mexico Initiative



Mexico
Initiative

Objective of Initiative

To create a sustained, strategic and equal partnership between UC and institutions in Mexico to explore common areas of interest, address critical issues and educate our next generation of leaders.

- The UC-Mexico Initiative aspires to assist UC's existing exchange programs, research collaborations, and individual faculty efforts in reaching their goals, and to create synergies among these.
- Through joint strategic planning, the Initiative will also stimulate development of new programs and partnerships, involving academia, government, corporations and foundations on both sides of the border.

Program Areas

Goal – To bring together researchers from UC and Mexico to develop collaborative strategies to address key issues in the areas of:

- Energy – Chaired by Horst Simon, LBNL
- Education – Chaired by Patricia Gandara, UCLA
- Environment – Co-chaired by Ed Taylor, UC Davis & Mike Allen, UC Riverside
- Health – Co-chaired by Jaime Sepulveda, UC San Francisco, and Stefano Bertozzi, UC Berkeley
- Arts & Culture – Co-chaired by Sara Poot Herrera, UC Santa Barbara, and Maite Zubiaurre, UCLA

Memoranda of Understanding

- Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT)
- Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior (ANUIES)
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce (US-Mexico CEO Dialogue)
- Secretaría de Cultura
- Secretaría de Energía (SENER)

Undergraduate Student Exchanges

UC to Mexico

- UCEAP:
 - ✓ 12 UC Students (January–June 2016) exchanged with UNAM; release of scholarships for UC students to study in Mexico
 - ✓ Launch of English option Contemporary Cultural Course in summer 2015
 - ✓ Launch of Global Leadership Program in Mexico and Sacramento with guaranteed \$3,000 scholarship
- UC Academic Courses w/fieldwork or field site visits:
 - ✓ AY 2016 – 108 students participated in 7 experiential learning courses
 - ✓ AY 2015 – 77 students participated in 4 experiential learning courses
 - ✓ AY 2014 – 67 students participated in 4 experiential learning courses
- UC Study Abroad (Faculty-led courses)
 - ✓ AY 2016 – 96 students
 - ✓ AY 2015 – 70 students
 - ✓ AY 2014 – 70 students

Undergraduate Student Exchanges

Mexico to UC

- ✓ 350 ESL students at UCLA, UCSD, UCR and UCD (Nov-Dec 2014)
- ✓ 50 ESL students at UCD (Summer 2016)
- ✓ 25 ESL students at UCR (Fall 2016)
- ✓ 3 UNAM students at UCB RAEL (Summer 2016)
- ✓ 4 MSRIP-Mexico students (2 at UCR; 2 at UCD, Summer 2016)

- ✓ UC Student Enrollment:

	2013	2014	2015
Undergraduate	188,290	195,078	199,127
Mexican Citizenship	1,513	1,836	1,946
Not Mexican Citizen But Permanent Address in Mexico	34	34	44

Graduate Student Mobility

- 18 UC doctoral students awarded UC MEXUS dissertation grants (2015)
- 31 UC MEXUS-CONACYT doctoral fellows (2016 cohort)
- 21 UC MEXUS-CICESE graduate student short-term research and non-degree training (2014-2016)
- 6 PhD students from UABC at the UC Desert Research and Extension Center (2015)
- Hosting of approximately 30 faculty and students annually from UABC-Mexicali, Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa-Culiacan, Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas-Ciudad Victoria, and UNAM

Post-doctoral Exchanges

- 3 energy postdoctoral fellows at LBNL, funded by SENER-CONACYT Sectorial Funds (Fall 2016)
- Energy postdoctoral fellow at UCB Renewable Energy Laboratory (collaboration with Tec de Monterrey, Jan 2016)
- 18 UC MEXUS-CONACYT postdoctoral fellows (2016 cohort)

Faculty/Research Mobility

- 72 UC MEXUS faculty collaboration awards (AY 2015 and 2016)
- 33 Residential Fellows
- 7 COLEF Summer Fellows at UC San Diego Center for US-Mexican Studies Fellows Program (AY 2016)

Major Events

- April 22-23, 2016 – Simposio Binacional sobre la Educación de Estudiantes Indígenas Mexicanos en México y California
44 institutions, including UCSB, UCSD, and UCD met in Oaxaca regarding the education of students who speak indigenous languages
- May 24, 2016 – Inauguration of UCSD Cali-Baja Center for Resilient Materials & Systems
UCSD collaboration with CNYN-UNAM to develop advanced technologies for aerospace, energy, biomedical, nuclear, environmental, defense and advanced manufacturing
- June 3-4, 2016 – Shared Pasts/Shared Presents Symposium
Bilateral collaboration to preserve, conserve and interpret the missions of California Alta and Baja as a shared heritage site; partners include Secretaria de Cultura, Catholic Church, UNESCO, INAH
- July 27-28, 2016 – President Napolitano hosts Rector Graue of UNAM
Participation by UCB, UCSF, UCD, UCR – focus on energy and health
- August 11-12, 2016 – Chancellor Kim Wilcox visits Mexico City
Signed MOUs with Secretaria de Cultura and ANUIES; met with representatives from UNAM, FUMEC, COMEXUS, ITAM, and US Embassy

Upcoming Events

- August 30, 2016 – Second Climate Change Summit of the Americas
To be held in Jalisco, with Governors from CA and Jalisco
- September 12-13, 2016 – Students We Share Symposium
To be held at Casa de California with educators, legislators, and media from both sides of the border
- November 3-4, 2016 – Workshop on Environmental Impacts of Climate Change
To be held at Casa de California – presentations of white papers by UC researchers related to terrestrial, marine, and societal impacts of climate change

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