



A Memorandum of Understanding Signed Between the UC and Mexico's IPN

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The University of California (UC), through the UC-Mexico Initiative, has signed a system-wide Memorandum of Understanding with Mexico's Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN, www.ipn.mx). The MOU strengthens the relationship between these two higher education systems and provides exciting new opportunities for collaborative research and student mobility. IPN is one of Mexico's prominent higher education institutions, with its primary campus located in the north of Mexico City, and several research institutions and satellite campuses distributed over 22 states. It has 80 undergraduate and 135 postgraduate programs.



The MOU was signed by Dr. Kim Wilcox, Chancellor of UC Riverside and Executive Sponsor of the UC-Mexico Initiative, and Dr. Enrique Fernández Fassnacht, director general of the IPN system.

The formalization of the UC-IPN partnership occurred in October 2017 during IPN's 10th anniversary celebration of international cooperation and internationalization. To date, more than 5,000 IPN students have participated in some form of international exchange program that lasted 6 months or longer.

In addition to this MOU, IPN is launching a three-year student mobility opportunity with three UC campuses (Davis, Riverside and San Diego). These collaborations will enable more than 30 IPN undergraduate students per year to study at one of these campuses during their Spring Quarter. And finally, the MOU will strengthen and incentivize the ongoing research collaborations underway between both systems, building off the 50 research awards funded through UC MEXUS-CONACYT.