

UC MEXUS SUPPLEMENTAL COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY UC & MEXICO

Alianza UCMX (alianzaucmx.ucr.edu) is proud to release the UC MEXUS (ucmexus.ucr.edu) supplemental funding opportunity for UC faculty undertaking research on COVID-19 who want to engage with Mexico. To be eligible, UC faculty must be a recipient of a coronavirus-related project award and be interested in expanding their academic engagement with faculty; graduate, professional, and undergraduate students; or researchers from a Mexican higher education institution.

The PI of an active (or confirmed but not yet active) award may request supplemental funding for engaging with colleagues in Mexico. Examples of the purpose of the supplemental funding may include:

- To support data collection and analysis by the Mexico co-investigator
- To provide student research assistance
- To fund Mexican students and staff who would collaborate with the UC PI's research project
- To fund materials, supplies or field-work expenses for Mexican colleagues
- To fund sharing of project results or procedures with binational partners
- To fund collaboration meetings to develop research plans and procedures

ELIGIBILITY:

- Projects must be confirmed or active awards
- Supplemental funds must specifically identify a co-investigator in Mexico as collaborator

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING AMOUNT:

The total amount of funding requested must not exceed \$5,000 per PI per six-month period. UC MEXUS plans to fund up to 20 supplements in FY 2021, depending on the availability of funds.

ALLOWABLE COSTS:

Funds may be used to support travel, materials and supplies in the USA or Mexico. They may also be used to provide salary support to students and staff, but not to faculty at a UC campus or in Mexico. Proposed travel plans should include a statement of COVID-19 related protections and contingency plans in alignment with regulations and guidance at the institutions and local/state locations of participating investigators.

REQUEST PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Supplemental funding applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and must be submitted via their campus Office of Research/Sponsored Projects Office to verify active status of parent/primary project award. In the case of research that is funded by gift funds or the PI's own research funds, evidence of an external review of the research proposal must be provided. If the research project has not undergone review by a funding agency or equivalent, the proposal may still be considered, but it would need to be submitted with the research protocol for the project.
- No retroactive funding will be approved.

COMPONENTS OF THE ALIANZA UCMX SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST:

- A cover page that lists the following:
 - UC PI information: name, department, campus and contact information (email and telephone)
 - MX collaborator information: name, department, campus and contact information (email and telephone)
 - Source of funding for the parent project (Funding agency/Industry/Other) information: award number for the primary/parent award, program name, project duration dates, project award amount and list of all project co-PIs
- Project summary (no more than 2 pages, 11-point Times New Roman, single spaced): Provide a brief overview of the primary/parent award project. Include a summary of the additional work that would be enabled by the supplemental funding. Must include a specific description of the expected use of the funds (budget justification).
- Budget (no more than 1 page) (e.g., supplies & materials, travel, staff and student salaries, etc.)
 - If these funds are for student assistance, please provide the following:
 - Expected status (e.g., 1st year undergrad, 3rd year grad student)
 - A description of nature of the student's involvement in the PI's research project
 - A description of the selection criteria of the student participant(s)
 - A brief assessment plan to measure the impact of the research experience on the student(s)
- The desired start date and duration of supplement
- The expiration date of the parent award (supplement funds must be used by the time the parent project award expires)
- Indirect costs or institutional overhead may not be included

REVIEW PROCESS:

- Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis
- UC PI must be recipient of a coronavirus-related project award
- Proposals must have a compelling and clearly described plan for expanding academic engagement with Mexico
- Proposals will normally be reviewed internally, although external review may be requested in some instances. Final funding decisions to be made by UC MEXUS Director

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For questions on program scope and administrative questions, or for assistance in identifying Mexico-based collaborators, please contact Veronique Rorive, Assistant Director, Strategic Initiatives at Veronique.rorive@ucr.edu or by phone at +1 (951) 202-7668.

SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS REQUESTS:

Proposals must be submitted through the PI's campus Office of Research (Contract and Grant or Sponsored Projects Office). Applications are to be submitted to ucmexus@ucr.edu.