

**UC MEXUS- CMHI
SPECIAL GRANTS PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) and the California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI) at the University of California Office of the President California Policy Research Center jointly offered a special grants program for collaborative research on health and migration in California and Mexico in 2003 and 2004. The two parties have agreed to continue this program and will issue a *2005 Special Call for Proposals* from teams of University of California and Mexican researchers for collaborative research that apply to issues of health and migration in California and Mexico.

The objectives of this program remain the same. Specifically, the primary objective of the program is to provide seed funds for developing projects in all disciplines that will enhance the understanding and knowledge of migration and health-related issues facing Mexican-origin workers and their families in California and Mexico, as well as the dissemination of information regarding these issues. A second objective is to promote new collaborative research actions and long-term linkages among the University of California campuses and Mexican research institutions. Ultimately, the program strives to create a bi-national network of researchers and institutions from California and Mexico who can inform policy decisions on health and migration issues.

1. The Parties

UC MEXUS was established in 1980 to identify, focus, and augment the resources of the ten campuses of the University as they relate to research, education, creative activity, and public service concerning Mexico and people of Mexican origin.

CMHI is a program created under the auspices of the California Policy Research Center of the University of California, Office of the President. The Initiative's objective is to coordinate and optimize the availability of health resources for Mexican immigrants and their families through bilateral training, research, and health promotion activities.

2. Funding


Proposals	
UC MEXUS	\$100,000.00
Universitywide AIDS Research Program	30,000.00
Secretariat of Health (Mexico)	100,000.00
CONACYT	<u>29,000.00</u>
	\$249,000.00
 Forums	
CMHI	40,000.00
US-Mexico Foundation for Science	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$50,000.00

CMHI will seek for additional funding from Centers for Disease Control, US-Mexico Binational Border Health Commission, and the Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Affairs.

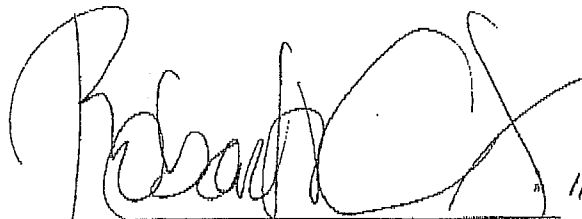
3. GRANT ADMINISTRATION

UC MEXUS serves as the Office of Record for the grants, administers the program and the transfer of funds and terms of agreements for each grant.

- a. Following the final funding decisions, UC MEXUS reviews the budgets of the approved projects to ensure UC policy compliance and appropriateness to the proposed projects. If there are questions of clarification, or items that cannot be approved, UC MEXUS communicates directly with the P.I.s to submit a revised budget.
- b. Funding for this program from extramural sources will be transferred to UC MEXUS for centralized administration and to ensure financial accountability.
- c. After the budgets are approved, UC MEXUS prepares award packets in English and Spanish, to be sent to each sponsoring institution.
- d. Upon receipt of all completed and signed award documents, UC MEXUS initiates funding. Funds are forwarded to the UC campus or Mexican institution based on the approved budget for the project. It is important to note that funds are never sent directly to or processed in the name of the P.I. The UC campus/department or Mexican institution, respectively, is responsible, under the terms of agreement, for administration of grant funds during the project period.
- e. CMHI will follow up on preliminary research findings and will convene up to two research forums during the project period. These forums will be an opportunity for the Principal Investigators to jointly present their findings to a bi-national research audience and discuss their conclusions with other program participants. Principal Investigators are also expected to work with CMHI, and SSA for the formulation of reports and policy recommendations.



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