



The University of California and Mexico

The University of California maintains an expanding number of academic links with institutions of higher education in Mexico.

UC and CONACYT

UC and Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia (CONACYT) representatives signed an agreement in Mexico City in July of 1997 that is creating a generation of scientists, teachers, and leaders who will have been educated in both Mexico and California.

- UC's campuses have more than 70 CONACYT fellows completing PhD degrees under a shared cost agreement for graduate training; this is more than any other university in the U.S. and in the world. The total will increase to more than 100 in Fall 2001.
- As a result of the UC-CONACYT agreement, more than 170 researchers from UC and Mexico are working together in fields ranging from engineering to the humanities. Many of these research projects deal with issues of common concern to California and Mexico--the economic, social, and cultural aspects of migration, for example. Another is the depleted water resources on the Colorado River.
- Starting this year, UC will provide 40 annual fellowships for UC graduate students to undertake dissertation research or advanced training at Mexican institutions of higher learning and research.
- UC and CONACYT will this year launch a program that will support long-term faculty visits in both directions to build lifelong relationships between our universities and research centers. The program will involve both young postdoctoral fellows and senior faculty.
- In addition, UC and CONACUYT are proposing an agreement for a UC-Mexico Commission on Education, Science and Technology. The Commission will consist of eight distinguished researchers appointed by the director general of CONACUYT and the president of UC, along with two government and two industry/business representatives appointed by the president of Mexico and the governor of California.

California House

- California House in Mexico City, announced by Gov. Gray Davis at UCLA on March 22, 2001, will house UC's Education Abroad program, enhance trade and cultural ties between California and Mexico and provide a central contact point for UC alumni in Mexico.

Internet2

- Students, researchers and faculty at UC and other major universities throughout the two countries are linked though a high-speed Internet2 interconnection between the California Research and Education Network-2 (CalREN-2) and the advanced Internet in Mexico deployed by Mexico's Corporacion Universitaria para el Desarrollo de Internet (CUDI).
- UC and CONACYT have agreed to issue a special call for proposals for collaborative research and teaching, using Internet2 technology.

UC and the University of Chapingo

- UC and the University of Chapingo in Mexico are instituting an agreement for cooperation in agricultural research and training.