

Binational Consortium UA-UNAM
Migration, Human Security, and Human Rights

Call for Applications.

Faculty Research Travel Grants (FRTG)

Deadline: May 13, 2024

Version for University of Arizona applicants

Background

On April 18, 2018, the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and the University of Arizona (UA), signed a formal agreement to establish the Binational Research Consortium on Migration, Human Security, and Human Rights (“The Consortium”), which seeks to leverage the two institution’s research strengths and human resources.

The goal is to provide an infrastructure for binational cooperation and collaboration between the *Coordinación de Humanidades de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* (CH-UNAM) and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS-UA) that will strengthen research in migration, human rights and human security. Both institutions recognize the importance of the bilateral exchange of academic staff, researchers, technical specialists, and students associated with CH-UNAM and SBS-UA. To contribute to the consolidation of such collaborative efforts, “The Consortium” will award up to six Faculty Research Travel Grants (FRTG) during the 2024 calendar year, to support mobility in each direction between CH-UNAM and SBS-UA. Each university will award three such grants. Applications must be received by May 13, 2024, to support travel to take place before December 31, 2024.

For more information on “The Consortium” see:

<https://sbsmexicoinitiatives.arizona.edu/consortium>

<http://www.consortioarizona.humanidades.unam.mx>

Faculty Research Travel Grant (FRTG) Objectives

The purpose of travel must comply with all the requirements established in this call for applications and seek to advance the binational research collaboration between UA and UNAM within the focus areas of “The Consortium.” Ultimately, research partnerships should advance

binational relationships and activities that lead to the submission of grant proposals to external funding agencies.

Application General Information

These guidelines apply to SBS-UA applicants. UNAM applicants should refer to analogous guidelines for UNAM faculty, available in a few weeks on “The Consortium” UNAM website:

<http://www.consortioarizona.humanidades.unam.mx>

Eligibility Criteria

Faculty from SBS-UA may apply to support collaboration with at least one eligible faculty member from CH-UNAM (See UNAM eligibility criteria in the Spanish version), to develop joint research projects on topics related to one, two, or all three main research areas of “The Consortium.”

Eligible faculty and academic professionals at UA must have at least .50 FTE in SBS, and have appointments that are tenure-track, tenured, continuing status, continuing status-eligible, or career-track with at least 40% research in their standard distribution of effort. Multiple collaborators within SBS cannot receive funds for the same application, and individual applicants can receive only one grant in the 2024 calendar year.

Authorized Expenses

Funding up to \$2,500 USD will be awarded for up to three applications led by SBS faculty. Each FRTG can be used to cover the awardee’s transportation, lodging, and per diem expenses. Funds should be expended by December 31, 2024. These grants do not support the following expenses: travel to conferences or meetings to present papers, publication costs, salary supplement to the investigator, or purchase of standard equipment (including computers).

Application Format and Required Documents

1. Cover Sheet with contact information of the applicant and the academic host.
2. Two-page abbreviated CV of applicant.
3. Statement of purpose, description, and proposed activities. Provide a succinct narrative summarizing the project’s purpose and significance, describing the specific activities to be undertaken during travel, and explain how the proposed activities will advance binational collaboration to ultimately support the development of grant applications to specific external funding sponsors. Potential activities could include networking, discussion, and strategic planning for concrete collaboration; meeting additional faculty

to be engaged in the collaboration; developing pilot projects and research protocols, and developing work plans for resulting grant proposals. (2 Pages max.)

4. Budget for Travel Expenses. The budget may only include three items: transportation, lodging expenses, and per diem meal expenses. For current UA-allowable rates, please refer to the following: <https://policy.fso.arizona.edu/fsm/1400/1471>
Please use the attached budget template.
5. Letter of Invitation from the Academic Host, that is, the UNAM collaborator whom the UA faculty member will be visiting.

Submission

Documents above should be submitted in English, using 12-point font, Times New Roman typeface, single spacing, and numbered pages. All documents should be compiled into a single PDF document in the order noted above.

The deadline is open from now until May 13, 2024.

Applications must be submitted via e-mail to both of the following addresses:

consorcio.arizona@humanidades.unam.mx
sbs-mexicoinitiatives@email.arizona.edu

All applications must be delivered electronically in a single portable document format (PDF) as described below and contain the relevant sections as described above.

Attached file and name:

Applications must be attached as a single PDF file and titled as follows:
Applicant's last name_FRTG_Date of Submission (6 digits: MM/DD/YY), and the word "application" at the end.

Example:

Dr. Juan Perez of the University of Arizona submits an application on March 27, 2024, the file name should be named:
Perez_FRTG_032724_application.pdf

Multiple Files: Applications containing multiple files will not be accepted.

Electronic delivery: All applications must be delivered electronically.

For information on submitting applications, please see information regarding the Program Contact at the end of this document.

Application Review Criteria

All complete applications will undergo a formal review process in accordance with the following criteria:

- 1) Identification of the topic and its relationship to one or any combination of the defined research areas of “The Consortium.”
- 2) Alignment of proposed activities with “The Consortium” goals. Does the applicant describe a strong connection between proposed activities and “The Consortium” goals?
- 3) Specific explanation of how the proposed activities will lead to the development and submission of research grants to external funding sponsors.
- 4) Clear support from an UNAM collaborator, detailed in the Letter of Invitation.

Decisions will be made within 20 days after the submission date. Notifications will be made by email.

Reporting

Awardees must credit the Binational Research Consortium UA-UNAM, SBS-Mexico Initiatives, and the *Coordinación de Humanidades de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* as they disseminate their research. The approved travel grant must meet all UA travel office requirements and policies. Awardees are required to submit a report to SBS Mexico Initiatives and to the CH-UNAM within **one month after the end of the funded travel**. “The Consortium” reserves the right to request a detailed report and receipts documenting expenditures. Failure to meet these reporting requirements will negatively affect eligibility for receiving future funding from “The Consortium.”

Interpretation and Unforeseen Issues

The interpretation of this call and issues not covered herein shall be resolved jointly by the Coordination of Humanities UNAM and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arizona, and its decision will be final.

Program Contact

Questions? SBS-UA faculty should contact Luis E. Coronado Guel, Ph.D., Director, SBS-Mexico Initiatives, at luisguel@email.arizona.edu or (520) 621-9479 during regular business hours.