

AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MEXICO AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Joint UAEM-UNT Research Seed Funding Program

Special Call for Joint UAEM-UNT Research Projects

2009

UNT and the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico (UAEM) are establishing the **UAEM-UNT Research Seed Funding Program**. This program will support joint research projects that strengthen the close academic relationship between the two institutions and enhance the research training of graduate students.

Request for Proposals

UAEM and UNT researchers are encouraged to submit joint proposals for scientific research, technological development, and/or creative projects that include the academic exchange of scholars and graduate students from both institutions. The term “home institution” will refer to the university at which a scholar is employed or at which a student is seeking a degree. The term “host institution” will refer to the university that a scholar or student is visiting.

Guidelines

Proposals must address the following guidelines:

1. The proposals can be in any field in which faculty at the two universities have complementary expertise.
2. Every project must have a principal investigator from UAEM and a principal investigator from UNT.
3. Projects must be simultaneously submitted at both institutions, in Spanish at UAEM and in English at UNT.
4. Proposals must include at least one graduate student (studying for a master’s or doctoral degree). Ideally the work on the project will be part of the graduate student’s thesis or dissertation work.
5. Proposed projects must include at least one two-week visit by one or more of the investigators (the PIs and/or the participating student(s)) from one university to the other university. The costs of this travel are to be included in the proposed budget. Generally, the cost of airfare should be covered by the budget portion associated with the home institution; lodging, food, and other expenses related to the visit should be covered by the budget portion associated with the host institution.
6. Proposals should address how the project will further the program of study of the involved students as well as further the collaboration between faculty and students at the two universities.

7. Application Procedures: UNT applications must be submitted to the Office of Research and Economic Development and must include the following:
 - An overview of the project (5 pages maximum, plus references).
 - A justified budget.
 - A signature page indicating approval from the relevant UNT chair and dean.
8. The evaluation mechanisms for each proposal will be defined at each university.
9. Deadline for applications will be on November 6, 2009 at 3:00pm at both universities.
10. A maximum of 10 projects, approved by both institutions, will be funded with grants from the Joint UAEM-UNT Research Seed Funding Program. The budget for each project should not exceed 75,000 Mexican pesos requested from UAEM and 5,000 US dollars requested from UNT. Thus, total collaborative budgets cannot exceed approximately 150,000 Mexican Pesos (or approximately 10,000 US Dollars). Budgets of approved projects may be adjusted at the time of award to allow the funding of a maximum number of high-quality proposals.
11. Eligible expenses include:
 - Travel expenses (airfare, ground transportation, lodging, food, and incidentals) for faculty and/or student investigators' project-related visits to the other university.
 - Project-related operations costs to execute the project, such as: laboratory and office supplies to be directly utilized in the project; personnel (research assistant, etc.) live specimens; ground transportation for project completion; laboratory operations and maintenance; tools, minor equipment/materials for experimental tests; printed and electronic materials; information services; and specialized software.

NOTE: The resources authorized for the principal investigator from one of the institutions are not transferable to the other institution.
12. The duration of the projects will be one year.
13. Notification of awards will be communicated to the applicants and will be published on the websites of both institutions as soon as the information is available.
14. Principal investigators whose projects are approved will sign agreements before funding will be released.
15. Assigned funds will be made available to approved projects as soon as possible after the signing of the corresponding agreement.