



Call for Networking Event

The Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro (UAQ), through the Office of Research, Innovation, and Graduate Studies, in collaboration with the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, extends an invitation to participate in a:

Networking Event

The purpose of this event is to foster collaboration and the formation of research teams between both institutions. This meeting represents a preliminary and essential step toward the upcoming joint UAQ – University of Illinois call for proposals.

Event Details

Date: September 05

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (**Central Time**) and from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (**CDT**)

Format: The event will be held virtually. Connection details will be sent to registered participants.

Participation Requirements

This call is open to full-time researchers and faculty members at UAQ who have an active project and a genuine interest in collaborating with their counterparts at the University of Illinois in the following research areas:

- a) Food and Health (Human—physical and mental—and animal):
 - Food sovereignty
 - Nutrition (promotion and consumption of balanced diets, revival of natural foods, nutritional education)
 - Diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and control of diseases (e.g., chronic-degenerative)
 - Mental health of children, adolescents, and young adults
 - Other topics (must justify relevance and impact)
- b) Water Management:
 - Water crisis and scarcity (e.g., water capture/recovery systems, supply strategies)
 - Water pollution (e.g., sanitation systems; other, with justification)
 - Hydrological imbalance in ecosystems (e.g., new water-use technologies, territorial water management improvements)
 - Other topics (must justify relevance and impact)
- c) Energy:
 - Energy poverty (e.g., affordable sources, energy transition, education, awareness)

- Resource depletion (e.g., technology innovation for territorial adaptation)
- Other topics (must justify relevance and impact)

Event Methodology

Researchers from UAQ will have the opportunity to present their project proposals in a dynamic format:

Presentation:

Presentations must be delivered using a PowerPoint (PPT) with text in English, and it is strongly encouraged that the oral presentation also be in English. Each presenter will have **3 minutes** to outline the main ideas of their project, including objectives, methodology, and the type of collaboration they are seeking. One slide must include contact information. The goal is to spark interest among University of Illinois researchers and facilitate the search for potential collaborators.

Q&A Session:

A dedicated time will be provided for dialogue, allowing researchers from both institutions to interact and explore potential synergies.

Benefits of Participation

Participation in this event offers the opportunity to:

- Establish connections with the research community at the University of Illinois and explore areas of mutual interest.
- Form binational research teams in preparation for the joint call for proposals to be published in September.
- Increase the chances of project success by identifying a suitable collaborator from the early stages

Registration Process

To secure your place at the event and receive access instructions, it is essential to complete your registration **no later than September 03, 23:59**.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6nltsQ8qQPDMnaEB0ZE8H5nLaLRIfuspaS35KeRwcW7-5AQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=102913202605390041705>