



Call for Networking Event

The Autonomous University of Querétaro (UAQ), The Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM-Querétaro), The National Autonomous University of Mexico through the National School of Higher Studies, Juriquilla Campus (UNAM-ENES J), The Council of Science and Technology of the State of Querétaro (CONCYTEQ), and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, extend an invitation to participate in our 2nd:

Networking Event

The purpose of this event is to foster collaboration and the formation of research teams among the participating institutions. This meeting represents a preliminary and essential step toward the upcoming 2nd joint Call for Proposals between the Mexican institutions and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Event Details:

Date: Monday 12, October

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.

I. Participation Requirements

This call for proposals is open to full-time faculty and researchers at all institutions who hold active projects and seek to establish joint collaborations in the following research areas

a) Food and Health [Human (physical and mental) and animal]

- Food sovereignty, security, and sustainable agri-food systems (e.g., local food networks, agricultural policy, and community-led food production).
- Nutrition and public health education (promotion and consumption of balanced diets, restoration of traditional/natural food consumption, nutritional literacy, and behavioral health).
- Diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and control of diseases (e.g., chronic degenerative diseases, public health interventions, and healthcare access policy).
- Mental health and social well-being of children, adolescents, and youth (including psychosocial support, community dynamics, and educational environments).
- One Health approaches integrating human, animal, and environmental health dynamics.
- Others must justify relevance, social impact, and interdisciplinary scope.

b) Water Management:

- Water crisis, scarcity, and community governance (e.g., rainwater harvesting/recovery systems, equitable supply strategies, public management, and water rights/policy).
- Water pollution, sanitation, and environmental law (e.g., sanitation systems, wastewater treatment technologies, regulatory frameworks, and community hygiene education).
- Water imbalance in ecosystems and territorial planning (e.g., sustainable water use technologies, watershed conservation, and participatory land-use management).
- Others must justify relevance, social impact, and interdisciplinary scope.

c) **Energy:**

- Energy poverty and social transition (e.g., affordable/renewable energy access, social adoption of green technologies, energy justice, and policy frameworks).
- Energy resource depletion and territorial adaptation (e.g., technological innovation, local capacity development, and climate resilience).
- Energy literacy, education, and cultural engagement (e.g., public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and community-driven sustainability initiatives).
- Others must justify relevance, social impact, and interdisciplinary scope.

II. **Event Methodology**

Researchers from the participant institutions will have the opportunity to present their proposals in a dynamic format:

III. **Presentation:**

Presentations must be delivered using a PowerPoint (PPT) presentation 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, impact, and the type of collaboration they are seeking. **One slide must include contact information.** The goal of this event is to spark interest among researchers and facilitate the search for potential collaborators.

IV. **Q&A Session:**

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

V. **Benefits of Participation**

Participation in this event offers the opportunity to:

- Establish connections with the international research community and explore areas of mutual interest.
- Form binational research teams in preparation for the Second Joint Call for proposals to be published on September 28.
- Increase the chances of project success by identifying a suitable collaborator from the early stages.

VI. **Registration Process**

To secure your place at the event and receive access instructions, it is essential to complete your registration **no later than October 8, 23:59.**

Registration Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfubqbBcRe3gHIU3BIoSDhoIDVH8Zy3aP8sPCR1ShQeZtMyFA/viewform?usp=header>