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## 2019 Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center Request for Proposals

The Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center at SMU is now accepting proposals for projects including:

- Research grants
- Policy papers
- Evidence-based demonstration projects
- Project/program evaluations

The Texas-Mexico Center is dedicated to improving relations between Texas and Mexico through dialogue and research. The Center works to encourage cross-border integration and collaboration in academia, government, NGOs and business.

Through supporting key projects, the Texas-Mexico Center seeks to encourage research (both basic and applied) that will address key issues in the Texas-Mexico relationship and by extension the U.S.-Mexico relationship, leading to policy recommendations that will help shape future integration. The research should prompt action and discussion amongst key stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

While the Center is open to considering research in any area that affects the Texas-Mexico relationship, it will prioritize proposals that focus on one of the following issues:

- Trade and Investment
- Energy
- Border Issues
- Migration and mobility
- Education, Human Capital and Development

Special consideration will be given to projects that include scholars from institutions in the U.S. and Mexico.

### **Deliverables:**

- A working paper, research report, or other publication to include principal arguments, literature review, data and findings.
- A two page policy brief spelling out the policy implications of the work

### **Funding:**

Fifty percent of the funds will be paid upon approval of the research project and fifty percent upon receipt of the working paper/report and policy brief.

All projects should be completed within twelve months of the disbursement of initial funds. The Center will request a three-month update from the research team; and teams will present their work in a formal setting (the Center will cover travel funds within university guidelines), as well as delivering the final piece (working paper/report and policy brief).

This academic year the maximum award available is \$20,000 per grant.

*Authors retain the rights to publish or promote their work elsewhere, but the Center reserves the right to publish the working paper and policy brief in its Texas-Mexico Series. All publications should acknowledge the financial support of the Texas-Mexico Center at SMU.*



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### **Deadline and Application:**

The deadline for submitting proposals is September 13, 2019. All applications should include the following documents contained in ONE email:

- Completed Request for Funding application (click [here](#) to download)
- CV (only for the project lead)
- Research proposal (minimum: two pages; maximum five pages)
- Itemized budget of the research costs (you can download our template [here](#) or use your preferred one)

The research proposals should include:

- Research question and related literature
- Motivation
- Data and methodology
- Timetable
- Deliverables expected (aside from the six-month summary update and final policy brief)

Note: Only proposals written in English will be considered.

The documents should be sent via email to [texasmexico@smu.edu](mailto:texasmexico@smu.edu).

If you have questions, read our FAQ section [here](#). Further inquiries should be addressed to [texasmexico@smu.edu](mailto:texasmexico@smu.edu) or to Jennifer Apperti [japperti@smu.edu](mailto:japperti@smu.edu)



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In order to provide guidance of the type of projects the Center is interested in funding, we've included some examples:

Does Migration Cause Income Inequality?

<https://scholar.smu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1000&context=texasmexico-research>

Are Mexican and U.S. Workers Complements or Substitutes?

<https://scholar.smu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&context=texasmexico-research>

Institutions, Trade and Economic Prosperity: An Examination of the U.S. and Mexican States

<https://scholar.smu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1003&context=texasmexico-research>

The Decline in Mexican Migration to the U.S.: Why is Texas Different?

<https://scholar.smu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1004&context=texasmexico-research>

An Oil-Producing State's Ability to Cope after a Regional Free Trade Agreement--The Case of Texas and NAFTA." Ginn, Vance, and Travis Roach. 2015. *International Trade Journal*, 29, 4 (Sept.-Oct.), 309-336

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/08853908.2015.1054968>

"NAFTA and the Geography of North American Trade." Wall, Howard J. 2003. *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review*, 85, 2 (Mar.-Apr.), 13-26.

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=239597](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=239597)

Getting to the Bottom of the Texas Latino Pay Gap

<https://www.dallasfed.org/~media/documents/research/swe/2009/swe0904b.pdf>

The Changing Face of Texas

<https://www.dallasfed.org/~media/documents/research/pubs/fotexas/fotexaspetersen.pdf>

The Border Economy

<https://www.dallasfed.org/-/media/Documents/research/border/tbeissue.pdf?la=en>



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You can Go Home Again: Mexican Migrants Return in Record Numbers

<https://www.dallasfed.org/~media/documents/research/swe/2013/swe1304c.pdf>

Gone to Texas: Immigration and the Transformation of the Texas Economy

<https://www.dallasfed.org/assets/documents/research/pubs/gonetx.pdf>

Immigrants in the US Labor Market

<https://www.dallasfed.org/~media/documents/research/papers/2013/wp1306.pdf>

Ten Gallon Economy: Sizing up Economic Growth in Texas

<http://www.palgrave.com/br/book/9781137530165>

Limited English, Relative Youth Contribute to Hispanic Poverty Rates

<https://www.dallasfed.org/~media/documents/research/swe/2012/swe1201c.pdf>

Do Remittances Boost Economic Development? Evidence from Mexican States

<https://www.dallasfed.org/~media/documents/research/papers/2010/wp1007.pdf>

The Role of Human Capital in University-Business Cooperation: The Case of Mexico

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13132-015-0258-3>