



The MEXICAN MIGRATION FIELD RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAM at UCSD, 2009-10

*A program of the CENTER FOR COMPARATIVE IMMIGRATION STUDIES and
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT COLLEGE, UCSD*

The program provides:

- Interdisciplinary training in the social science methods used to gather data on international migrants and refugees.
- Experience in field interviewing, conducted in a Mexican migrant-sending community and U.S. receiving communities.
- The opportunity to be part of a small, dynamic, bi-national research team of UCSD and Mexico-based students, and to form long-term friendships with your U.S. and Mexican colleagues.
- Experience in analyzing survey and qualitative field research data, and the opportunity to co-author a book based on the data that you have helped to collect.
- An in-depth, hands-on understanding of the causes and the political, social, cultural, and economic consequences of international migration, as related by the migrants themselves and their relatives.

With its unique research and writing opportunities, this program is excellent preparation for graduate school as well as a career in teaching, public service, non-governmental organizations, law, or journalism.

In 2009-10, students will study a small town in rural Jalisco and also interview migrants from this town who now live and work in California and Oklahoma. Students will co-author a book reporting their field research findings, to be published in 2010.

Students in all six UCSD colleges and all majors, including history, other arts and humanities disciplines, and biological-health sciences, may participate. Students will receive a total of 20 units of academic credit for participating in the field research program.

Grants from the Ford Foundation and several UCSD units make it possible to award scholarships to all students admitted to the field research program. These awards cover all travel, food, lodging, and other expenses incurred in Mexico and U.S. field research sites.

What are the requirements for the program?

- You must be proficient in conversational Spanish by the beginning of the academic year. Your level of proficiency will be assessed in a pre-enrollment interview (see below).
- You must commit to taking the entire sequence of three Sociology courses (Field Research Methods for Migration Studies) that comprise the field research program, taken in the same academic year.
- The field research program is one of three tracks in the *Minor in International Migration Studies*. You can participate in the field research program without declaring the Minor, but the field research program satisfies 7 of the 9 courses required for the Minor (for details, see: http://provost.ucsd.edu/roosevelt/intl_migration_minor/index.shtml).

Students interested in participating in the 2009-10 program should:

- Request an interview with the faculty director, Prof. David Fitzgerald, beginning in mid-February and before May 15, 2009. Please e-mail Ana Minvielle, aminvielle@ucsd.edu, to schedule an interview. EAP students currently abroad can be interviewed by telephone.