

SUNY Santander Initiatives – Additional Information

I. Teacher Education Partnership with Spain and Mexico

SUNY students who plan on teaching Spanish in primary and secondary schools will engage in one-year exchange programs with institutions belonging to the Council of Rectors of Spanish Universities.

Pre-departure Spanish language preparation and enrichment activities for SUNY students will be conducted online through the Cervantes Institute. SUNY students will arrive one month prior to the start of their academic coursework to attend a one-month orientation and Spanish language immersion course at the Fundacion Comillas in northern Spain.

Funding will cover travel grants to faculty and administrators to work out details of collaborative programs and partial scholarships for SUNY students to study for one year in Spain.

A parallel program will be established between SUNY and institutions of higher education in Mexico.

II. Dual Diploma Pilot Program in Economics with [SUNY New Paltz](#) and [Universidad Carlos III \(UC3M\)](#)

This program will serve as a pilot for other similar programs in various disciplines with UC3M and with other Spanish institutions of higher education and additional SUNY campuses.

The bachelor's program will consist of roughly two years at each university. In year five of the program, graduates will be eligible to conduct one-year paid internships at Banco Santander affiliates here in the U.S. as well as in Spain.

Funding from Santander will be used for travel grants for faculty to work out curriculum details, and for partial scholarships for SUNY students for study at UC3M.

III. Student Exchange with Brazil

The bank will provide funds to SUNY for scholarships for ten SUNY students to study abroad at partner universities in Brazil for one semester. Scholarships will also be provided by the bank to Brazilian universities so that ten Brazilian students may come to SUNY for one semester exchanges. Brazilian partner universities will include: Mackenzie Presbyterian University, The Catholic Universities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, the University of Brasilia and the University of Campinas.

IV. Research on Mexican Migration and Health (Programa de Investigacion en Migracion y Salud – PIMSA)

This project is co-funded by the Mexican Ministry of Health, FunSalud and the [Mexican Council of Science and Technology \(CONACYT\)](#) and implemented by a consortium of

U.S. universities. PIMSA provides practical analysis of public health issues affecting the Mexican migrant community in the United States.

SUNY's annual participation allows SUNY researchers to develop knowledge of the health issues affecting this large, disproportionately poor population, which is underserved and largely unstudied. The goal is to provide information for the New York policy arena.