

## **Red de Observatorios sobre la Movilidad Académica y Científica de Mexicanos (ROMAC)**

*A network of observatories on the Mexican academic and scientific mobility*

ROMAC is an international network bringing together researchers from Mexico and six countries of North America and Europe on issues of study and academic mobility, elite formation in Mexico and the circulation of knowledge between countries of the North and Mexico

### **An international research team**

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### **Network objectives**

#### *Scientific objectives*

- To characterise the profiles and trajectories of Mexican international students and highlight the socio economic and political conditions of academic mobility
- To identify study patterns in destination countries and relate them to trends in the international student market
- To highlight the impact of international mobility and networking on the formation of scientific, economic and political elites in Mexico.
- To unpack the channels and networks of ‘scientific production’ and their impact on the advancement of knowledge and the development of Mexico
- To fine-tune existing knowledge on the international study and academic dynamics between countries of the North and those of the global South such as Mexico

#### *Other objectives*

- To establish a network of national observatories linked to the UAM coordinating node.
- To offer research training and supervision to postgraduate students from Mexico and participating countries in the field of academic mobility and international development

### **Research and training: An integrated project**

#### *Institutional partners*

**Mexico** : UMA-C ; DIE / CINVESTAV

**Germany** : Comparative Education  
Centre (CESE)

**Spain** : Universidad Politécnica, sede  
Cordoba

**USA**: Columbia University (*Regina  
Cortina*)

**France** : EHESS-Université de Lille

**United Kingdom** : Centre for Applied  
Research in Education (CARE).

University of East Anglia

#### *Postgraduate students*

2 Masters and 2 PHD students in  
Mexico.

### **Research programme**

#### *Data collection*

- Online survey of a 20 000 sample of current and former Mexican students abroad
- Interviews with Mexican students abroad and with members of the scientific, political and economic elites of Mexico

#### *Data analysis and dissemination*

- Review and analysis of existing databases and resources (SNI, etc)
- Design of an international database on trends and patterns of international study and academic mobility
- Creation of an online resource on international study migration patterns, migration policies in destination countries, and on scientific relations and agreements between Mexico and these countries.
- Development of an analytical framework for the study of academic and professional trajectories of political, scientific and economic elites from countries of the South.