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Dear Professor Nava Aguirre,

On the recommendation of the Puentes Consortium Evaluation Committee and on behalf of the Operating Committee, I am pleased to offer you a Research Grant replacing the previous Visiting Scholar award to conduct research in Mexico from October 1, 2020 until July 30, 2021.

Responsibilities include:

- a) Coordinating your research project substantively with Dr. Jose Ivan Rodriguez
- b) Producing at least one substantive paper; and
- c) Prepare a presentation on your research progress, which will be presented with the rest of the fellows at a designated date during the summer of 2021, either in person or remotely depending on traveling availability due to COVID-19 constrains.

The Puentes Consortium will offer an award of USD\$3,500 (subject to applicable U.S. taxes) to cover your expenses related to the joint research plans with Dr. Rodriguez, and this amount will be deposited to your bank account in the next few weeks.

Please contact Ivonne Cruz, Puentes Consortium's Program Administrator, for all issues regarding your appointment. She can be reached at [ivonne.cruz@rice.edu](mailto:ivonne.cruz@rice.edu) or at 361-696-1835.

We are delighted that you will become a "Puentes Fellow" and contributing your research to the Puentes Consortium.

Sincerely,



Tony Payan  
Director