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CHICANO STUDIES CENTER GETS FUNDING FOR BORDER PROJECT

UCSB's Center for Chicano Studies has been awarded a four-year \$288,475 Rockefeller Foundation grant to study Chicano and Mexican cultures where they meet along the U.S./Mexican border.

The funds, augmented by other university moneys, will bring seven border culture academics and artists to the campus for year-long residencies, provide them with graduate and undergraduate student assistants and fund a border-studies conference at the project's conclusion in 2004.

Results of the project, titled "The Dynamics of Chicana/o Literacy,"

will be recorded in a book to be published after the conference.

"Our campus is so proud and pleased about this exciting new fellowship program at our distinguished Center for Chicano Studies," said UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang.

"It will provide a wonderful opportunity for UCSB faculty and students to work with visiting scholars, artists and writers in order to gain a deeper understanding of border culture.

I congratulate Acting Director Carl Gutierrez-Jones and all of our colleagues at the Center on this prestigious Rockefeller grant."

Gutierrez-Jones said the seven researchers will be a mix of post-doctoral academics and practicing artists and writers.

Two fellowships will be funded in 2001-2002, two more in 2002-2003 and then three in 2003-2004.

The 2000-2001 academic year will be spent planning the project, Gutierrez-Jones said.

"We are very excited about studying a broad range of border culture,"

he said. Also involved will be the Davidson Library's California Ethnic and Minority Archives and the Chicano Studies Collection.

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