

The majority of respondents did foresee positive major changes in their linkages with Mexican and United States institutions in the next three years, stating that NAFTA created the required momentum. Although some said the impacts of linkages on their institution were limited because of the small number of people involved, most said the linkages had distinctly positive impacts. They argued that the linkages resulted in the internationalization of their university by broadening student and faculty experience through exposure to other realities as well as facilitating the flow of experiences and information. Linkages were also positive in providing further opportunities and increasing understanding.

Lack of information on options and opportunities was identified as a major obstacle to expanding linkages. More advertising about existing agreements, especially those with the United States, is needed. In addition to changing academic regulations and encouraging students and faculty to take part in exchanges, solutions could include raising outside funds for scholarships, specifically for the first year of undergraduate study.

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