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Research and Activities
The center’s research agenda focuses primarily on the following issues of concern to both the United States and Mexico:

- Trade and Economic Integration
- Immigration
- Rule of Law
- Security and Organized Crime
- The U.S.–Mexico Border
- Politics and Democracy in Mexico

Other Areas of Interest
The Center for the United States and Mexico also addresses key issues of the day and their policy impact on the dynamic relationship between Mexico and the United States. Areas of study include:

- Energy
- Education
- Telecommunications
- Health Care
Forum Membership

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• Invitation to private briefings and exclusive events with center speakers and guests
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• Invitation to the Baker Institute Fall Reception
• Complimentary copies of all center publications, upon request
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• Quarterly email newsletter featuring the center’s activities and publications
• Name recognition on center website, event slate, and quarterly newsletter
• Complimentary parking at center events

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• On–screen corporate logo recognition at center events and on center website

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• Corporate logo recognition in the center’s quarterly newsletter

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• Invitation to annual “State of the Center” meeting and reception with center leadership and experts as well as Baker Institute leadership
• Invitation to a private dinner with Edward P. Djerejian, Baker Institute Director
• Two private briefings with center experts
• Recognition from podium at center events
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