The **vision** of the UCLA Blum Center is to improve health for Latin American communities. The Center aims to be internationally recognized for its impact on health outcomes through interdisciplinary research, training and policy contributions that drive innovations and promote resilience throughout the Americas.

The **mission** of the UCLA Blum Center is to improve the health and well-being of Latin American communities. The Center prioritizes an inclusive approach to provide research that informs policy, programs, and training for the next generation of leaders.

The UCLA Blum Center’s mission is achieved through activities and programs that advance our three center priorities: research, training and policy.

**Priority 1: Research**

To develop a health research program grounded in an interdisciplinary, action-oriented approach.

By harnessing innovations in research methodology and interdisciplinary approaches, faculty and student researchers of the UCLA Blum Center engage in qualitative and quantitative research to acquire new knowledge and gain insights related to factors that affect the health of Latin American populations.

**Priority 2: Training**

To advance a training program that prepares a new generation of interdisciplinary practitioners.

The UCLA Blum Center facilitates interactive and applied learning experiences through the creation of educational initiatives and programming that provide students, researchers, community leaders, public/private sectors and policy makers with new knowledge, skills and perspectives essential for crafting and implementing sustainable solutions to health and poverty challenges.

**Priority 3: Policy**

To promote evidence-based policies that create sustainable health improvements.

With a focus on applying innovations in research and practice to the creation of sustainable actions on the ground, the UCLA Blum Center works with stakeholders across diverse sectors to identify and recommend effective policy interventions that improve health outcomes.