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Given a finite simple graph  $G$ , one can associate a toric ideal which we call  $I_G$ . We say that  $G$  is a chordal bipartite graph if it has no induced cycles of length six or larger. For such graphs, we find an upper bound on the Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity of  $I_G$  in terms of the size of the bipartition of  $G$ . (Received February 22, 2016)