

broom center for demography
University of California, Santa Barbara



Graduate Student Research and Training (GSRT) Grants in Demography ***Call for Applications***

Funding is available from the Broom Center to support graduate student attendance at training programs in demographic methods and for small dissertation-related research grants to support demography-related projects. Research topics related to the Broom Center's five research [areas](#) are of special interest.

Eligibility and Criteria:

Eligibility for the GSRT Grants competition is restricted to active **Broom Center Graduate Associates**. Applications from research teams will be considered provided the applicant is a Broom Associate. We expect that most training programs will take place during summer, but funds can be used for training or research anytime between May 1, 2026 and April 30, 2027, *provided you are still a graduate student at UCSB*. This program cannot support any activities undertaken after you graduate or otherwise cease to be an enrolled graduate student here. For examples of the types of training programs supported by this grant, please refer to the Broom Center's [GSRT web page](#). Note that you do not have to be accepted to any program when applying for a GSRT grant: awards are made based on your proposal to attend but will only be paid if you actually attend the program.

Funding for **research** proposals can support fieldwork, data acquisition, laboratory experiments, paid undergraduate research assistance and any reasonable research expenses consistent with UCSB policy, with the exception of faculty and graduate student salaries. Durable equipment purchases (including laptops and other electronic devices) are normally not funded unless they are demonstrably necessary for a specific project. Grants can include both a training and research component, up to \$2000 total. The GSRT program does not fund travel to conferences in order to present a paper—students are referred to the [Academic Senate's Doctoral Student Travel Grant](#) program for that purpose.

Applications will be reviewed by the Broom Center advisory board members and will be awarded based upon proposal quality, relevance to the applicant's dissertation research, and appropriateness of the budget.

Application Procedures:

1. Please email a **single PDF file** containing the following information, in order, to **Susie Cassels** (broom@broomcenter.ucsb.edu) by 5 p.m., **Friday April 10, 2026**. Please name your file **Lastname_Firstname.pdf**.

a. A completed **cover sheet**, attached, and available on the Broom Center's [GSRT web page](#). Note: after completing the cover sheet, please merge it into your application document as the first page. Your entire application, including the cover sheet, should consist of a **single pdf file** only.

b. A *proposal* describing how the research or training would contribute to your planned or ongoing thesis research (one page maximum).

c. A *budget and justification* describing the financial support requested. Costs for summer training programs vary (ranging from \$500 to several thousand dollars). Awards up to \$2,000 will be granted to cover most expenses related to training program attendance (e.g., program fees, economy airfare, and/or related travel expenses), or admissible research expenses. If the expected costs of your research or training exceed the amount requested, please describe how you plan to finance those additional costs (other graduate or faculty grants, personal funds, etc.)

A number of graduate training programs offer scholarships to student applicants. In your budget justification, please indicate whether the training program you propose to attend offers such scholarships, and whether you have applied, or plan to apply for such funds.

2. Please ask your faculty mentor to write a *letter in support* of your application, and to email that letter separately to **Susie Cassels** (broom@broomcenter.ucsb.edu) before the application due date. The letter should be in the form of a pdf document attached to the email.

Timeline:

The Center's target date to announce decisions is April 24, via email to the student applicant. Depending on the number and quality of applications, your award may be less than the amount requested. All grants funded in this cycle will have a start date of May 1, 2026 and an end date of April 30, 2027. Funds not used by that date will not be distributed. All travel funds will be administered by the Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research (ISBER).

Awards take the form of reimbursements for expenses only. To claim your award, you will be asked to submit original receipts for eligible expenses through UCSB's online Concur system after you have returned from your program or incurred your research expenses. If for any reason you receive an award and learn that you will not be able to attend the proposed program (e.g. your application is not accepted), please notify Gabriela McDaniel (gabrielamcdaniel@ucsb.edu)