

GANAS Graduate Pathways Doctoral Summer Bridge Program

(Summary Statement)

Please note the GANAS Doctoral Summer Bridge Program is open to all students consistent with state and federal law, the [UC Nondiscrimination Statement](#) and the [Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California Publications Regarding Student-Related Matters](#).

The GANAS Doctoral Summer Bridge Program is a part of the GANAS Graduate Pathways Project and includes interventions positioned to address the need to overcome institutional barriers that impede Latina/o graduate student preparation, retention, advancement to candidacy, and completion.

The GANAS Doctoral Summer Bridge Program aims to prepare incoming Latinx, POC, first-gen, and low-income background students by providing a week-long program focused on best practices, campus resources, and student strategies to be utilized during their time with UCSC.

During the course of the week, students will be in community with the 4 GANAS Graduate Doctoral Summer Bridge Mentors, as well as the GANAS Graduate Services Counselor. Students will engage with various presentations and workshops highlighting the vast array of resources available to them as incoming graduate students. Students will also be given an introduction to various campus spaces and points of contact throughout the week in order to create a grounding sense of familiarity with their new environment.

Program Dates

- **August 3rd - August 10th 2025**
 - On Campus housing with 3 meals per day for 20 participants (provided by GANAS)
 - 4 GANAS Graduate Student Mentors (to be hired in Spring 2025)
 - Mentors will also have the opportunity to live on campus during the program.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will work to develop preparatory skills and strategies to be successful graduate students in their respective departments and fields of study. Students participating in the Doctoral Summer Bridge Program should feel prepared to begin their first quarter at UCSC with a sense of confidence and community.

(Outcomes from Grant Narrative)

- *To build community,*
- *Prepare them for their new academic setting and research,*
- *Familiarize them with campus resources,*
- *Introduce them to faculty, staff, and resources on campus*

Overall GANAS Graduate Pathways information and goals

*The Doctoral Summer Bridge Program is a part of **Activity 5: Doctoral Summer Bridge Program** - A one-week residential Doctoral Summer Bridge Program focusing on students' transition to the graduate school environment to help them complete master's or doctoral degrees.*

The activity hopes to have the following impact, which are a part of the overall GANAS Graduate goals:

- Increase Latina/o graduate students' sense of belonging to UCSC by 12%
- Increase graduate degree completion for Latina/o, low-income, and graduate students of color by 3 percentage points.