

GANAS Doctoral Summer Bridge program 2024

FAQs

Who is this program for?

The GANAS DSB is intended for Latinx, POC, First-Generation, and Low-income background students admitted to a PhD program at UCSC for Fall 2024.

When is the program happening?

August 11th - 18th. - Move in will take place the morning of the 11th (8:30 AM - Noon) and check out will be Noon on August 18th.

“Active Programming” will take place from August 11th - 16th attendance and participation in this portion of the program is mandatory. Participants will have the option to depart the program on August 17th with check-out being at Noon.

Can I still apply if I'm in a Masters program?

Yes! This year we are accepting all graduate students from MA & MFA programs, not just PhD programs! 😊

Can I apply if I'm an international student?

Unfortunately at this time we are unable to accept applications from international doctoral students. International students can still utilize GANAS Graduate 1:1 holistic advising meeting with the GANAS Graduate Services Counselor. More information can be found [here](#).

What if I'm an undocumented graduate student?

Undocumented graduate students are welcome to apply!

When is the application deadline?

[Applications](#) close May 27th by Midnight.

Where can I find the application?

The GANAS Doctoral Summer Bridge Program participant application is live and can be found here: <https://ucsc.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1938085>

Do I need letters of recommendation for the application?

No. We believe that letters of recommendation serve as an exclusionary requirement for students and are not necessary for our Doctoral Summer Bridge Program application.

Can I bring my car?

Yes, at this time we are able to offer a parking pass to any program participant who requires one for the duration of the program.

What are the on-campus accommodations?

The GANAS DSB has reserved Rachel Carson College on-campus apartments with single (aka not-shared) rooms that include linens and a desk lamp. Each apartment has approximately 4 rooms, with 4 participants sharing an apartment. These apartments are equipped with refrigerators and while they do have stoves, conference services does not allow cooking in the kitchens over the summer months.

Students will be provided with 3 meals a day served at 8:15 AM, 12:30 PM, and 5:30 PM with Gluten-Free, Vegetarian, and Vegan options available. The GANAS DSB will also have snacks on hand along with some catered meals throughout the program.

This year we are providing additional housing dates to give participants the opportunity to seek off campus housing (or just enjoy the greater Santa Cruz area) following the end of the “active programming” portion of the Doctoral Summer Bridge Program. Students may opt to depart the program on August 17th by noon, or they can enjoy an additional night of lodgings through the 18th with the final meal being Lunch. Please contact adomingu@ucsc.edu with any questions.

Do I have to live in the on-campus accommodations for the duration of the program?

We have allocated on-campus accommodations for our program participants to better immerse them in the UCSC experience in hopes of building a stronger sense of belonging to our beautiful campus, which is now *your* beautiful campus. :) That being said, we have previously hosted “commuter” participants who were able to secure local

housing prior to the start of the academic year. Please contact the GANAS Graduate Services Counselor Angel Dominguez (adomingu@ucsc.edu) for more information.

Do I have to attend the entire program?

Full attendance and participation in all “active programming” activities, events, and presentations from August 11th - August 16th are a requirement for the Doctoral Summer Bridge Program and the participation stipend.

Graduate students may depart the program on August 17th if they choose. GANAS Graduate has allocated lodging accommodations through Noon on August 18th.

When do I receive my \$300 pre-program support stipend?

We hope to process pre-program support payments ASAP upon official acceptance of participation in the 2024 GANAS DSB program. These funds will be paid out as a direct pay and will require forms to be completed following acceptance into the program. Pre-program support funds should be received prior to the start of the GANAS DSB program. GANAS Graduate Pathways will be in direct communication with accepted participants to answer any and all questions regarding this process.

When do I receive my \$500 participation stipend?

Participation stipends will be paid out in the Fall quarter by the graduate division as a fellowship following the successful completion of the DSB program.

How do I get to UCSC?

The Santa Cruz area is accessible via Highway 1 and Highway 17 if you're driving to campus.

The San José International (SJC) Airport is approximately 35 miles from the UC Santa Cruz campus.

The San Jose Amtrak station is located 25 miles from UC Santa Cruz campus. Routes that serve the San Jose station are the Capitol Corridor and the Coast Starlight.

The Amtrak Thruway Bus Route 22/ Santa Cruz Metro Highway 17 Express shuttles you between the San Jose Amtrak Train Station and the Santa Cruz Metro Center. Local bus service between the Santa Cruz Metro Center and UC Santa Cruz is provided by Santa Cruz Metro University Routes.

What's the weather like?

Our coastal environment lends itself to brisk mornings, even in the summer, when sweatshirts or jackets are recommended. Midday and afternoons are mostly sunny and warm. Evenings return to refreshing, and sometimes foggy, cooler temps. Don't forget to bring a jacket and comfortable shoes as many areas on the campus are hilly and on uneven terrain.

What should I pack?

Pack enough clothes for 6 days along with whatever toiletries you'll need for the duration of the program. You should also pack a towel and washcloth. As mentioned above, the summer weather can vary here on the central coast and having a jacket is recommended. Please note we will have at least one day on the coast and the beach is only a bus ride away!

What if I'm already living in the Santa Cruz area?

Depending on your situation you may be able to stay off campus and commute for program. Please note this option is only available to Santa Cruz area residents as we are unable to provide transportation support at this time.

Can I bring my pet with me?

Unfortunately, conference services has a strict no-pet policy in place for summer accommodations. For more information please contact Angel Dominguez the GANAS Graduate Services Counselor, Angel Dominguez at adomingu@ucsc.edu.

Will there be any faculty present during this program?

Faculty participation will be dependent upon the incoming cohort composition and faculty availability. We do hope to have some faculty present however, we're unable to confirm any specific faculty members at this time. Check back for more information.

What are the COVID precautions for this program?

The GANAS DSB will utilize proven preventative masking, testing, and vaccination policies previously utilized during the 2022 and 2023 DSB programs which had a zero percent contraction/transmission rate.

At this time we anticipate masking indoors for activities in order to prevent any community transmission. KN95 masks will be provided to all participants, mentors, and campus staff involved in the DSB program.

GANAS will provide self-testing kits to participants, grad student mentors, and staff who require/request them via UCSC campus resources. All participants, mentors, and staff will be expected to submit proof of a negative COVID test 24 hours prior to arrival on campus for the DSB program otherwise they will have to test upon arrival to campus before accessing lodgings.

What Happens if the campus shuts down in-person operations due to the pandemic?

The GANAS DSB Team will work to ensure a hybrid/remote fail-safe plan is in place in the event of campus closure and/or COVID-related issues that prevent the DSB from taking place in person. We're hoping this won't happen, but are prepared to make it work for the good of our students!