

GANAS Doctoral Summer Bridge program 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 2022.

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

At this time, the GANAS DSB is focused on doctoral students. Master's students can still utilize GANAS Graduate 1:1 holistic advising meeting with the GANAS Graduate Services Counselor. More information can be found here.

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?

The GANAS DSB Participant Application deadline has been extended to **June 19th 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/1870500>

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.

When is the program happening?

August 21, 2022 - August 26, 2022 - Move in will take place the morning of the 21st and move out will happen before Noon on August 26th.

Can I bring my car?

Yes, at this time we are able to offer a week long parking pass to any program participant who requires one.

What are the on-campus accommodations?

The GANAS DSB has reserved 4 on-campus apartments with single (aka not-shared) rooms that include linens and a desk lamp. Each apartment has 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 for 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 Vegetarian and Vegan options available. The GANAS DSB will also have snacks on hand along with some catered meals throughout the program.

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. :)

Do I have to attend the entire program?

Yes, full attendance and participation in all program activities and events is a requirement for the Doctoral Summer Bridge 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 on-campus groups are participating in this program?

At this time we're anticipating presentations from CAPS Counseling Services; the Disability Resource Center; VOCES Graduate Writing Center, the CRES Designated Emphasis, El Centro: Chicana Latinx Resource Center, and more!

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 whatever masking, testing, and vaccination policies are being enforced by UCSC at the time of the program.

At this time we anticipate masking indoors for activities as well as regular testing in order to prevent any community transmission.

GANAS DSB will provide self-testing kits to participants, grad student mentors, and staff via UCSC campus resources.

We also encourage any participant who feels unwell prior to or during the program to reach out to DSB staff directly to see what support can be provided. Should a student test positive during the program, they will have the option to return home or utilize UCSC COVID support for quarantining.

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!