Request for Proposals
Undergraduate and Graduate Student
UCSC Blum Scholar Grant Program
http://blumcenter.ucsc.edu/academics/grant-opportunities/

Summer 2016

Deadline: April 15, 2016
Anticipated Award Notification: early May 2016

The UCSC Blum Scholars award program enables undergraduate and graduate students to pursue a community-based research project either domestically or abroad that addresses poverty, social enterprise, or participatory governance.

**Award:** Student grants are limited to a maximum of $2,000 for community-based work completed in the summer months (June – September). The award will serve as a stipend to help cover transportation costs (air and ground), lodging and meals. Any equipment purchased with the award must be returned to the UCSC Blum Center for use by future Blum Scholars.

**Eligibility:** Funding is offered to highly motivated undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled and in good standing at UC Santa Cruz. Students must return for at least one quarter after completing their project and participate in a public event highlighting their work. Funding is not available for use for EAP or UC Summer Abroad.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Student applicants should identify a specific community-based project, outline a budget, and develop a realistic time frame for completion. A strong proposal will include a clear description of the project’s objective, anticipated outcomes, and how the work is to be carried out. Examination of the applicant’s research interests, relevant background skills, experience, and goals and their alignment with UCSC Blum Center's mission will all be determinants of award evaluation. In addition the access to and support from is critical to a successful proposal.

The following requirements are essential to being considered for a Blum Scholar award.

1. A complete and on-time online application submitted by 11:59pm US Pacific time on April 15, 2016 to the online form at: https://goo.gl/dRhOa1
2. A brief letter of recommendation from a faculty member sent to blumcenter@ucsc.edu by the application deadline.
3. A brief letter of sponsorship by a community organization supervisor or mentor sent to blumcenter@ucsc.edu by the application deadline.
4. A final project report with at least 5 photos, due on or before October 1, 2016 to blumcenter@ucsc.edu.

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