



UCSB Blum Center Graduate Student Assistant

The Blum Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Democracy is a Center for campus-wide scholarly discussion, student engagement, and programming that examines the mutually reinforcing relationships between rising levels of structural inequality and the corrosion of democracy in the United States and globally. Our work focuses on how deepening socio-economic inequality has weakened democratic capacities and commitments, and how democracy can be mobilized to address these trends.

The Blum Center is recruiting a *Graduate Student Assistant* to work alongside our Blum student team, and Associate Director, to advance thinking and engagement on poverty, inequality, and democracy both on and off campus.

The main duties of the Graduate Student Assistant, in collaboration with other members of the Blum Student team and Associate Director, will focus on the following:

- Lead the planning and implementation of UCSB Blum Center programming and events on campus, e.g. help select topics and speakers for events, facilitate discussions/events, organize necessary logistics, and assist with outreach, note-taking, and event set-up and take down;
- Assist with supporting and promoting the undergraduate Minor in Poverty, Inequality and Social Justice, with which the Blum Center is affiliated, e.g. holding information and orientation sessions; growing and evaluating the minor's internship program; as well as supporting the design and implementation of targeted strategies to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion across key aspects of the minor;
- Lead the planning and implementation of a signature project focused on poverty and inequality during the Center's annual Poverty Action Days in Spring 2022;
- Support the implementation and evaluation of the Center's campus outreach strategy to strengthen relationships and partnerships with relevant clubs and initiatives at UCSB and across the UC system;
- Assist with the Center's broader marketing and outreach efforts both on and off campus where needed, e.g. design posts for virtual information campaigns focused on key themes related to poverty, inequality, democracy, and social justice; and
- Assist with other administrative work where needed.

We are planning for our full Blum Student team to include: a Graduate Student Assistant; an Undergraduate Student Assistant; and two Marketing Student Assistants.

Requirements

- A registered UCSB graduate student in good academic standing; and
- Able to work 10 hrs/wk in Winter and Spring 2022 (with possible extension into Summer 2022, and the following academic year, pending funding)

The Blum Center is committed to sustaining an equitable and inclusive workplace and to the goal of reflecting the rich diversity of our campus community within our Blum Center staff. We encourage applications from students of all backgrounds and majors.

How to Apply?

Submit your application package via Handshake. In your application package, please include the following:

- A resume; and
- A cover letter (no longer than one page for the cover letter) including the following:
 - Any relevant work or volunteer experience that relates to the position;
 - Your interests in the Graduate Student Assistant position and the Blum Center more generally; as well as
 - Your thoughts on the unique role of youth in advancing progressive change, including one suggestion for how the Blum Center can assist college youth in making change.

For questions, please contact: Joanne Nowak, Associate Director, UCSB Blum Center
(joanne.nowak@ucsb.edu)

*** Note: this position is open to both work-study and non work-study students.*

*** Note: the hourly wage is flexible based on the applicant's year of study, but will be no lower than \$22/hr.*

**** * * Application Deadline: Thursday, December 9th at 12PM * * ****