Crossroads for Grad Students

“I couldn’t have paid for something like this.” That’s what one grateful graduate student said of her participation in Crossroads, a yearlong, multifaceted interdisciplinary research experience for UCSB doctoral students that also encompasses the undergraduate classroom through curriculum development and closely mentored teaching.

Sponsored by Graduate Division along with other offices and divisions across campus, two Crossroads projects were funded for 2013-14:

“Psychology, Environment, and Public Policy,” which brings together faculty and grad students from the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management; Psychological and Brain Sciences; and Political Science; and “The Politics of Race and Language in Learning Contexts,” uniting faculty and grad student participants from the Department of Linguistics; the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education; and Chicana and Chicano Studies.

The projects have generated much excitement among the grad student Fellows and UCSB faculty. To learn more about Crossroads and the two 2013-14 projects, and read interviews with the Fellows and faculty, visit our Crossroads webpage. Faculty may also download the 2014-15 Call for Proposals.
The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.