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To empower graduate students to advance their research agendas, the Yankelovich Center will provide successful graduate student applicants with up to \$3,500 each for research-related expenses (usable until January 1, 2026). Funding will be disbursed as a stipend. Proposals can include relationship building with the potential users of research. Up to 12 grants overall will be available for the coming academic year.

Who can apply? PhD students in the Division of Social Sciences who have advanced to candidacy at the time the grant is submitted.

Application Requirements.

Cover Page: Please include the following information:

Name

Email address

Department

Advanced to candidacy date

Name of your dissertation advisor

Email of your dissertation advisor

Title of Project

Amount Requested

[Maximum one page, single-spaced] Describe your research project, your need for funding, the original contribution you will make, and how this will inform or impact real-world practices. If other funds are necessary for the successful execution of this project, please note the source of those funds and whether they have been committed. Upon completion of the project, awardees will provide a one-page summary of their research accomplishments and its impact to the Center. Due date of report: January 1, 2026.

Submission Timing. Grant applications are due by January 15, 2025.

How to Submit. Email your submission as a pdf document to the Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research at yankelovich-grants@ucsd.edu.

Final Reporting: In addition to the one-page summary described above, awardees will also be expected to attend, if they are in San Diego at the time, a spring 2026 event in which each of them will present a lightning talk about their project.

Yankelovich Partnership-Building Grants

To advance the Yankelovich Center's goal of building sustained and engaged partnerships between research and practitioners, the Center will provide a total of up to \$25,000 in funding to create and to deepen these partnerships. The three funding opportunities are:

- \$2,500-\$5,000 for a convening of multiple potential research-practice partners organized by one or more faculty members to discuss research needs and opportunities for collaboration. Awardees will contribute a 500-word document that will be part of the "Yankelovich Assessment of Research-Practitioner Needs" series. The partners could be nonprofit organizations, other types of community groups, government entities, other venues for policymaking, or combinations of such groups. This document will be intended to provide interested researchers with information about topics of vital interest to this community of practitioners, opportunities to collaborate, and the name and contact information of lead collaborators at each organization.
- \$5,000-\$10,000 for a collaborative, community-based project in which a faculty member partners with a nonprofit organization, other type of community group, government entity, other venue for policymaking, or a combination of such groups to study an intervention designed to address a pressing social problem. Recipients of grants will agree to write a 1-3 page write-up of results and lessons, even if preliminary, for posting on the Yankelovich Center website.
- \$1,000 for a faculty member *or graduate student* to conduct an in-depth meeting with a potential partner to ascertain this group's research needs and to contribute a 500-word document that will be part of the "Yankelovich Assessment of Research-Practitioner Needs" series. The partner could be a nonprofit organization, another type of community group, a government entity, or another venue for policymaking. This document will be intended to provide interested researchers with information about topics of vital interest to the research partner, opportunities to collaborate, and the name and contact information of a lead collaborator.

Who can apply? Faculty (for convening and project grants) and faculty or graduate students (for partner meetings) at any point in their career in the Division of Social Sciences.

Application requirements

Recipients must spend funds in a timely manner, according to timeline submitted with the application. Carry-forward requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Funds not spent in a timely manner shall be returned to the Center.

A. Cover page. Please include the following information:

Grant Type: "Yankelovich Partnership-Building Grants"

Name(s)

Email address(es)

Department(s)
Title of Project
Amount Requested

B. Maximum one page, single-spaced: Describe the group and/or groups that you will bring together and why creating a partnership could yield a productive engagement. Upon completion of the project, awardees will provide a 500-word document that will be part of the “Yankelovich Assessment of Research-Practitioner Needs” series.

C. Project Timeline, including date of project completion.

Application timeline. The Yankelovich Center will accept applications beginning January 1, 2025 and continue to accept them on a rolling basis throughout the academic year until it has committed all funds.

How to submit. Email your submission as a pdf document to the Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research at yankelovich-grants@ucsd.edu.