How to Apply for the Blum Center Grant in Cooperative Economics

**Checklist**

* Identify a potential mentor and discuss your project with them. Notify them that a “Mentor Letter of Support” is required as part of the application.
* Draft your project description and send it to your mentor for review
* Create your detailed budget and send it your mentor for review.
* Ensure that your mentor sends you their letter of support to include with your application documents by May 21, 2021.
* After your mentor has reviewed your project description and budget, and sent you the letter of recommendation, fill out all the required material on the application google form and upload the required documents.

**Proposal Information**

Abstract

Your abstract should be a brief and clearly written synopsis of your research or creative project. It should not exceed 100 words and must contain the following elements: (1) A brief explanation of the project’s purpose, (2) A brief statement explaining what you will do in your project, (3) The major ideas or hypotheses you hope to explore, (4) A concise statement of what you hope your project will contribute.

Project Description

The project description is a brief narrative, not to exceed 750 words (single or double-spaced with standard margins, font size no smaller than 11 points and no images or formulae). The description should include: (1) a detailed outline of the project objectives, (2) the central research questions, (3) a description of the project approach and methodology, (4) the project’s contribution to understanding cooperative economics, and (5) anticipated products and/or outcomes.

Budget

Please list all costs associated with the project. Funding is available for costs related to original data collection, field work, or archival research[[1]](#footnote-1); software and/or small equipment required for the proposed research; data acquisition; transcription; and research supplies. Grant funds may not be used for the costs of tuition, fees, or insurance; student salaries; participation in conferences or trainings; or non-expendable equipment.

**Submit Application Materials by May 21, 2021, 11:59 PST via the google form available** [**here**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYQ40HA2398vs0ZoHGf65IviQvWI3P-Ize_1oyK-Lj0ZphPw/viewform?usp=sf_link)**.**

1. In compliance with current Covid-19 related University of California restrictions, we are unable to fund long distance or airline travel for research at this time; mileage reimbursement for the use of a personal automobile for research-related purposes may be included in the project budget request. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)