

# Yankelovich Catalytic Grants

To advance the Yankelovich Center's goal of bringing together academic teams centered in the School of Social Sciences to address pressing social problems, the Center will provide grants of \$5,000-\$10,000 to help catalyze projects that could lead to successful extramural grants or that could become strong candidates for consideration by other granting programs at UCSD and beyond. The sorts of activities that could be supported by these grants include, but are not limited to:

- A series of research seminars that bring together a diversity of scholars – and potentially a diversity of disciplinary perspectives – that are united by their focus on a related constellation of social problems or inequities.
- A program of deliberative discussions to help clarify the dimensions of a social problem, discuss different approaches to addressing it, and scope out how a research program could make meaningful progress toward resolving it. The Yankelovich Center believes deeply in “the power of lunch.”
- A convening of scholars across UC San Diego and potentially across universities to share their expertise, their ideas for socially impactful research, and the potential for collaboration. This convening could include practitioners and potential research partners as well.
- Support for grant development that could help move a collaborative socially impactful project forward.

**Who can apply?** Faculty at any point in their career in the School 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:

Name(s)

Email address(es)

Department(s)

Title of Project

Amount Requested

B. Maximum one page, single-spaced: Describe your proposal. Make sure to include ways in which it could catalyze collaborative research at UC San Diego to address a pressing social problem or inequity. Upon completion of the project or by January 1, 2027, awardees will submit a one-page report on their activities and the prospects for advancing the research program.

C. Project Timeline, including date of project completion.

**Application timeline.** The Yankelovich Center will accept applications beginning January 15, 2026 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](mailto:yankelovich-grants@ucsd.edu).