

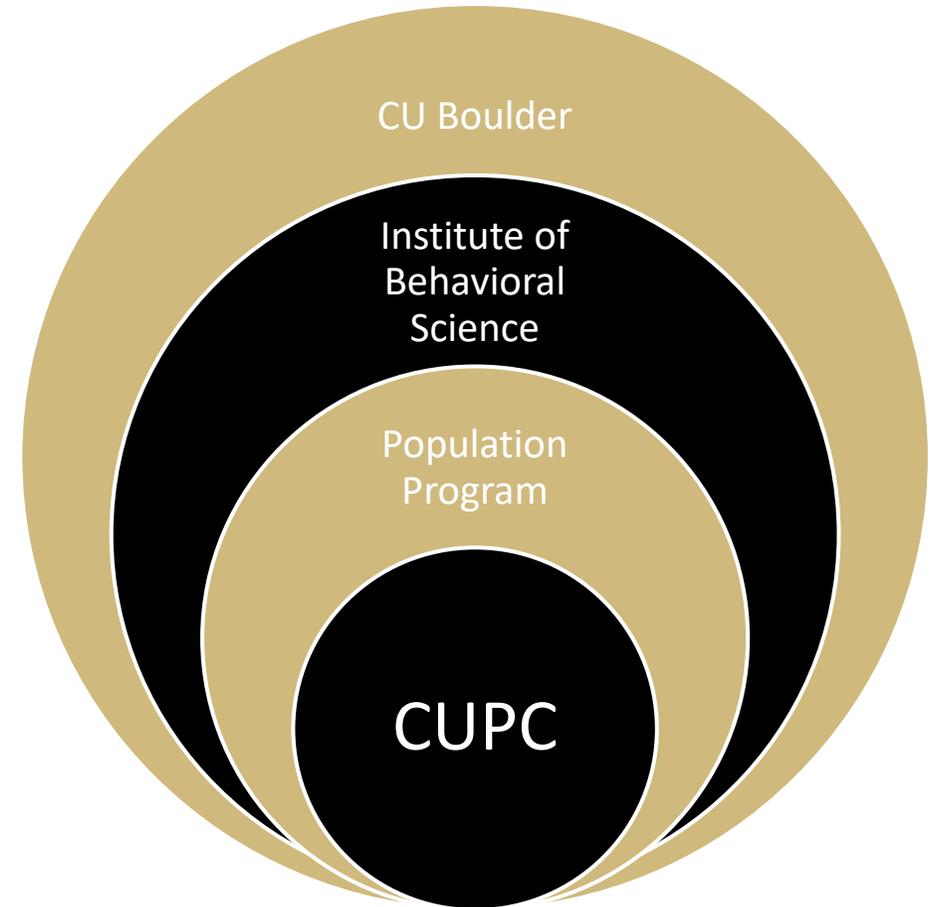
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CU Population Center

# **Graduate Student Onboarding**

# What Is CUPC?

- A research center funded by The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and many organizations at the University of Colorado Boulder (UCB) such as IBS, the Graduate School, the College of A&S, the Research and Innovation Office (RIO), and several social science departments
- Sits within the Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS) and the Population Program (POP)
- POP is one of five IBS research programs, the others include Environment & Society; Prevention Science; International Development; Health & Society



# What Is CUPC?

- One of 22 NICHD-funded population research centers across the nation
- Includes affiliates from CU Boulder, CU Denver and the Anschutz Medical Campus



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Denver



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Anschutz Medical Campus

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# What Is CUPC?

*CUPC's overarching mission is to accelerate innovative and impactful population science to address societal challenges.*

# What Is CUPC?

- **Leadership:**
  - **Director: Lori Hunter**
  - **Development Core Director: Rick Rogers**
    - “Development Core” houses the funds for research development including for seed grants, workshops, speakers, etc.
  - **Five Primary Research Areas (PRAs)**
    - **Health Disparities & Behaviors** (led by Ryan Masters, Boulder)
    - **Reproductive Health** (led by Sara Yeatman, Denver)
    - **Genes & Environment** (led by Jason Boardman, Boulder)
    - **Migration and Population Distribution** (led by Fernando Riosmena, Boulder)
    - **Environmental and Spatial Demography** (led by Stefan Leyk, Boulder)
  - **Executive Committee** includes all of the above + an elected “at-large” member

# Who Is CUPC?

- CUPC has ~60 faculty affiliates and ~30 student affiliates
- CUPC works with
  - Tenure-track faculty
  - Research faculty, including Post-Docs
  - Graduate Students
  - Undergraduate Students
  - Anyone who is interested in population-related research collaborations!

# Who Is CUPC?

- Many disciplinary backgrounds represented:
  - Sociology
  - Geography
  - Political Science
  - Economics
  - Environmental Studies
  - Health Sciences
  - Anthropology
  - Information Science
  - Integrated Physiology
  - History, and more!

# How Can You Get Involved?

- **Listservs**

- Find out about opportunities in IBS and CUPC including job openings, research opportunities, training opportunities, and more.
- Contact [marisa.seitz@colorado.edu](mailto:marisa.seitz@colorado.edu) to be added to CUPC and IBS listservs.
- Also join the Interdisciplinary Training in the Social Sciences ([ITSS](#)) listserv which offers relevant trainings throughout the academic year.

- **Speaker Series**

- CUPC hosts many talks within the IBS Speaker Series. Come listen and discuss great research, and network with fellow affiliates.
- Check out talks on the IBS website: <https://behavioralscience.colorado.edu/>

# How Can You Get Involved?

- **Working Groups**

- Population Health Workshop: learn about population health topics, and have a space to share ideas, working papers, and proposals with students and faculty (contact [Ryan.Masters@colorado.edu](mailto:Ryan.Masters@colorado.edu) or student organizer [Trent.Davidson@colorado.edu](mailto:Trent.Davidson@colorado.edu))
- Criminology Workshop: workshop on criminology topics (contact [David.Pyrooz@colorado.edu](mailto:David.Pyrooz@colorado.edu))
- Environmental Social Science workshop (contact [Don.Grantii@colorado.edu](mailto:Don.Grantii@colorado.edu) )

- **Writing Groups:** for support and focused writing time – consider organizing one, we're happy to help and can provide funds for snacks or other small expenses.

- **Slack:** Online community space for IBS Grad Students and PostDocs only – contact [kim.truong-Vu@colorado.edu](mailto:kim.truong-Vu@colorado.edu) .

- **Social events:** Meet other IBS/CUPC Grad Students and PostDocs, announced via listserv.

# How Can You Get Involved?

- Training
  - **IBS Computing and Research Services Mini Courses:** notices shared on listservs
  - **Dissertation Proposal Writing Seminar:** run by [ITSS](#), announced on listservs
  - **Interdisciplinary Professional Socialization Seminar:** run by [ITSS](#), announced on listservs
  - **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Proposal Workshop:** run by [ITSS](#), announced on listservs
  - **IBS Statistical Consultation:** IBS' CRS group offers free stats consulting and methodological support (<https://behavioralscience.colorado.edu/unit/computing-and-research-services/statistical-consultation> )

# How Can You Get Involved?

- **Graduate Certificate in Population Studies**

- <https://cupc.colorado.edu/population-certificate/>

- The certificate is highly interdisciplinary and engages award-winning faculty from a number of social science departments with expertise on a broad range of population-focused topics. Offering an interdisciplinary home for many of these scholars, the Population Program in the Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS) offers research specialties in population health, health inequalities, reproductive health, biodemography, population and the environment, and migration and population distribution.

# How Can You Get Involved?

- **CUPC Highlights**
  - Bi-weekly news bulletin talking about everything going on with CUPC researchers.
  - Publishing a paper? Attending a conference? We want to know! Send any announcements to [Anni Magyary](#).
- **Twitter**
  - Follow us or tweet at us at [twitter.com/CUPopCenter](https://twitter.com/CUPopCenter). We would love to retweet you!
- **CUPC Day**
  - Hear from researchers about the amazing research being done at CUPC -- typically held annually, dates are sent out via listserv.
- **Integrating Genetics and the Social Science (IGSS) Conference**
  - Co-hosted through CUPC, free to attend conference held here in Boulder! More on [website](#).

# How Can You Get Involved?

- **Work with researchers**

- Interested in helping faculty with their research? Many IBS/CUPC researchers have research projects that could use your help, including some paid work when funding is available.
- See the list of our affiliates on the CUPC website: <https://cupc.colorado.edu/people/>
- To be connected with a researcher, you can contact them directly, or contact one of our PRA leads to discuss possible collaboration opportunities.
- Funded graduate students may be eligible for a cubicle space within the IBS building, space permitting (un-funded students are also eligible, pending space availability)

# Funding

- **IBS Student Research Awards:** \$100-500 for research activities, applications each semester announced via listserv.
- **Population Association of America (PAA) conference support:** registration and poster printing funding, announced via listserv.
- **POP GRAs** – 1-2 GRA positions available each semester. Must be working with CUPC-affiliated faculty member. Applications announced via listserv.
- **Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) research grants:** up to \$1,000 to support research, runs each semester. Info on [CARTSS website](#).
- **CUPC and IBS Summer Research Positions:** \$750 (\$2,500 with work study, or \$2,500 for int'l students) for summer research. Must be working with IBS faculty. Announced via listserv.
- **CUPC Seed Grants:** Seed awards intended to support preliminary data collection and facilitate large grant proposals. Applications each semester, must be submitted by CUPC faculty member.
- **Workshop scholarships:** When funding is available, select number of scholarships to attend ICPSR trainings and other training workshops (announced via listserv).

# Need Help With a Funding Proposal?

- Anni Magyary, CUPC Grants Specialist, is happy to help with preparing materials for research awards, Fellowship applications, and other pre-award pieces.
- Please contact [Anni](#) 1-2 months before your submission deadlines. Even if you are not sure yet if you will apply, let her know! More lead time is better and she can provide useful advice.
- CUPC Student Affiliates have had great success with the NSF Dissertation Fellowship Program and also NSF Dissertation grants. Consider applying! Reach out to Anni for details.

# Being a Center Affiliate

- As a CUPC student affiliate, we expect participation in center-based activities.
  - Plan to attend at least 1-2 speaker presentations per semester
  - and 1-2 sessions of the Population Health workshop per semester
- If desired, you can list your affiliation in email signatures and your CV. Please use “CU Population Center, Graduate Student Affiliate”
- We also expect acknowledgement of NIH’s Center support in publications, you can see the language here:  
<https://cupc.colorado.edu/acknowledging-cupc-in-pubs/>

# Need Help? More Questions?

- CUPC Program Manager [Marisa Seitz](#)
- CUPC Director [Lori Hunter](#)

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