



## Application Materials

### Social Science Matrix Research Teams

#### 2022-2023 Academic Year

Social Science Matrix, UC Berkeley's cross-disciplinary social science incubator, invites proposals from faculty, students, and affiliated researchers for Matrix Research Teams for the 2022-2023 academic year. Matrix Research Teams are groups of scholars who gather regularly to explore or develop a novel question or emerging field in the social sciences, which may also intersect with disciplines in the humanities and sciences more broadly. Successful research teams integrate participants from several disciplines, address a compelling research question with real-world significance, and deploy or develop appropriate methodologies in innovative ways. Ideally, all research teams — whether faculty- or student-led — will also contain members of diverse ranks (i.e. faculty, post-docs, affiliated researchers, and graduate students). Research Teams are expected to be active at Matrix and to use their funding to support their meetings and research activities.

- **Faculty-led Research Teams** receive funding in the amount of \$5000. They run for two semesters, meeting at least once a month around a defined research problem. Led or co-led by tenure-track faculty or advanced affiliated researchers eligible for PI status from UC Berkeley, these teams are expected to actively pursue extramural funding and will receive Matrix's support in this, so that by the end of the 2022-2023 academic year, the team will have applied for one or more grants to support their research.

Funding for Faculty-led Research Teams is intended to be used as seed funding for exploratory research collaborations that will ideally lead to future grant applications. The funding can be directed toward events, like conferences and symposia, to the extent that they contribute to furthering this goal. We are especially interested in research groups that want to grow beyond their current constituency and promote their work beyond the UC Berkeley campus.

- **Student-led Research Teams** will receive funding in the amount of \$1500. Coordinated by one or more graduate students, they will meet regularly, around 5-10 times over the course of the academic year, and explore an emerging field — a new area or question of inquiry — and assess whether it has potential for further investigation. Funding for Student-led Research Teams is intended to further collaboration among graduate students, provide professional development, and create opportunities for faculty engagement and mentorship.

In addition to funding, all Matrix Research Teams receive administrative support in coordinating, scheduling, and reserving space in our offices on the top floor of the Social Sciences Building. Matrix provides communications support to help publicize each group's work, and Research Teams receive assistance with administering funding, as well as identifying and applying for further funding. *All research teams are expected to submit a report at the conclusion of their term.*

Matrix Research Teams are intended to support Social Science Matrix's goals of advancing transdisciplinary research and building community across campus. We are especially interested in projects that align with [campus signature initiatives](#).

For more information—including overviews of past examples of Matrix Research Teams—see <http://matrix.berkeley.edu/initiatives/matrix-seminars>. For questions, please contact Eva Seto, Associate Director, at [evaseto@berkeley.edu](mailto:evaseto@berkeley.edu).

# Application for 2022-2023 Social Science Matrix Research Team

## Instructions

Please complete all six sections (I-VI) of the proposal form below. Upload the completed proposal form as a PDF, following the prompts in the application submission portal:

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2022, 11:59pm**

Notifications will be sent in May 2022. If you have questions, please contact Eva Seto at [evaseto@berkeley.edu](mailto:evaseto@berkeley.edu).

### I. PRIMARY CONTACT

**Name (Last, First):**

**Indicate one: Student \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Researcher \_\_\_\_\_**

**Title:**

**Department:**

**E-mail address:**

**Have you received Matrix funding as a team leader previously? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, please indicate the semester(s) and title(s) of the Matrix Research Team:**

### II. APPLICATION CATEGORY

**Please indicate the program that you are applying for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Faculty-led Research Team (\$5000, two semesters)\***

Faculty-led Research Teams receive funding in the amount of \$5000. They run for two semesters, meeting at least once a month around a defined research problem. Led or co-led by tenure-track faculty or advanced affiliated researchers from UC Berkeley, these teams are expected to actively pursue extramural funding and will receive Matrix's support in this, so that by the end of the 2022-2023 academic year, the team will have applied for one or more grants to support their research.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student-led Research Team (\$1500, one or two semesters)\***

Prospecting Teams are graduate student-run groups and will receive funding in the amount of \$1500. They meet regularly, around 5-10 times over the course of the academic year (either one or two semester), to explore an emerging field — a new area or question of inquiry — and assess whether it has potential for further investigation.

*\*Please note: Funds may not be used to support conference travel or stipends for team leaders.*

### III. PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Project Title (10-word limit. Please avoid words like “Working Group” etc. as they compete with “Research Team”):**

**Project Abstract (250-word limit):** Please provide a descriptive summary of your project using clear language for a public audience, limiting the use of subject-specific jargon and technical terminology.

### IV. RESEARCH PROPOSAL

*Please answer each of the following questions, limiting your total response to three single-spaced pages:*

**Describe the topic or social science question to be investigated. What is the real-world significance or social benefit of the topic? What method(s) and analytical framework(s) will inform your inquiry? Make sure to address how an interdisciplinary approach would potentially transform thinking in this field.**

### V. ORGANIZATION AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

**Please describe how you plan to organize your group. Provide a rough schedule for your group’s meetings as well as the scope and sequence of the topics/issues to be addressed.**

**Please provide a budget justification, detailing how your team intends to spend the funding. Identify any other funding that you have already obtained.**

**(For Faculty-led Research Teams only): How you might secure funding for this work in the future? Can you identify any particular funders who would be interested in research in this field?**

