

## **VISUAL STUDIES EXIT REPORT, FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS**

**PURPOSE:** Graduating students are required to submit to the VS Program a CV and an exit report which includes an outline of future plans. This requirement prompts students to reflect on their achievements. It also asks them to provide feedback on the VS Program, from the vantage point of a graduate, which can help us improve the ways we support our students. The exit report also requests information that can be used on the VS website (e.g. Alumni page and newsletter) in order to publicize our students' achievements and help us with outreach and recruitment of new students.

**DEADLINE and INSTRUCTIONS:** Submit your report and CV through email to the director of graduate studies, at the latest within 1 week after you submit your dissertation to the graduate division in order to receive your degree. Reports should be no more than 3 pages single-spaced. In each section use only applicable headings. *Please indicate in your email if you are willing to have your CV shared with grad students taking HAVC 204 (the grant writing course in which VS students are asked to produce a CV and are provided with CV samples).*

Please use these headings to structure your report:

1. Contact information

- Name
- Email (post-graduation)
- Advisor
- Dissertation Committee members

2. Dissertation abstract: please provide an abstract of your dissertation (300-500 words) that emphasizes your original contribution. The text will be used for entries on our student news and alumni webpages.

3. Accomplishments in the past 12 months, or since you submitted your previous post-colloquium report. Evaluate your accomplishments and highlight your significant learning achievements and areas of development.

- Teaching (e.g., summer session or during the academic year)
- Grants applied to and grants received
- Conference papers
- Publications (specify in preparation, under review, accepted, in print, published)
- Other professional experiences, creative projects, activities
- Job interviews, employment offers
- For every applicable category briefly outline the way you spent any UCSC funding (e.g., VS grants, Dean's Excellence Fund, Summer Fellowship, Dissertation Fellowship etc.) and the impact it had on your work.

4. Plans for the following year. Identify intended goals and expected outcomes for the coming year.

- Publication plans regarding your dissertation
- Forthcoming commitments and activities (grant applications, conference papers, article publications, other projects)
- Job hunting

- Future research plans

5. Feedback about your experience as a student at VS. Help us identify what we do well and what we could do better. Reflect on which aspects of the program were most helpful in your path to completing your degree and your professional development, and which could be improved. Please be constructive in your comments in any of the following topics you want to address.

- Advising
- Course requirements (core courses, electives inside and outside the department, filed cluster, language exam)
- QEs, prospectus and colloquium
- Grant writing support
- Funding for research and dissemination projects (such as conference papers)
- Dissertation fellowships
- Teaching opportunities
- TAing (e.g. training, resources, learning benefits)
- Preparation for job hunting
- Other professional development opportunities (e.g. workshops on specific subjects, encouragement/advising to present conference papers and publish, guest lectures in UCSC courses, collaboration with faculty on research projects)
- Intellectual community and social events on campus
- Other resources (exciting or that should be developed)
- Other comments