Population Studies and Training Center

The Population Studies and Training Center (PSTC) is a multidisciplinary unit organized to facilitate and strengthen research and graduate training in demography at Brown. Its core faculty associates are from the Departments of Sociology, Economics, and Anthropology. Other PSTC faculty are affiliated with the Brown Medical School, the Environmental Change Initiative, the Watson Institute for International Studies, and the Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences initiative. This combination has led to an extraordinarily dense network of collaborations both within and across disciplines. The PSTC is not only a source of infrastructure and research support for associated scientists, but also the nexus of intellectual activity for empirically driven and theoretically grounded scholars with population interests at Brown. The PSTC is a leader among demographic centers in several areas, including anthropological demography, multi-method data collection in the developing world, and the demography of Africa. The PSTC is also a key player in terms of the development of multi-method analysis and in the integration of demographic perspectives into the study of the process of economic development.

The PSTC provides a competitive interdisciplinary demography training program conducted in cooperation with the Ph.D. programs in Sociology, Anthropology, and Economics. The program is designed to prepare demography trainees to be successful scholars in their respective disciplines, and to give students the skills to successfully participate in the broad intellectual community of population studies. Degree requirements are described under the departmental listings, although all trainees are required to complete selected methods and interdisciplinary course requirements. Many PSTC students receive funding for their studies through Center training awards from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Those students who are not supported by PSTC fellowships obtain funding through research assistantships and support from the Graduate School. PSTC students also have an excellent record of obtaining competitive external support for their studies and research.

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