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Council on Academic Affairs  
c/o Office of Academic Affairs  
203 Bricker Hall  
190 North Oval Mall  
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Dear Council on Academic Affairs Members,

I am pleased to submit for your consideration a proposal for a Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization (GIS) in Demography. The distinctive quality of this program is a result of faculty collaboration across eleven departments in four colleges whose research contributes to new knowledge and a better understanding of population processes. These faculty are all affiliated with the Institute for Population Research (IPR).

The program is rigorous, yet its interdisciplinarity and flexibility will appeal to many graduate students across the university as an important complement to their primary programs. Given the strong and growing community of OSU faculty involved in population and health research, I strongly support the GIS in Demography, and I encourage its approval.

Sincerely,

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College of Arts and Sciences