

## ACADEMIC POLICIES

The Graduate Council of the Academic Senate has adopted academic accommodation policies designed to be supportive of graduate students with substantial parenting responsibilities and doctoral students expecting to give birth. The policy statement is available online, [grad.berkeley.edu/policies/memo\\_doctoral\\_parent.shtml](http://grad.berkeley.edu/policies/memo_doctoral_parent.shtml).

### Family-Related ASE Contract Policies

ASEs should refer to the "Leaves" Articles which has provisions concerning family-related leaves ([http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/employees/policies\\_employee\\_labor\\_relations/collective\\_bargaining\\_units/academicstudentemployees\\_bx/contract\\_articles/bx-0211-article\\_17-leaves.pdf](http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/employees/policies_employee_labor_relations/collective_bargaining_units/academicstudentemployees_bx/contract_articles/bx-0211-article_17-leaves.pdf)). The UAW site is where the current contract can be found and the new contract will be posted after it has been approved.

## FINANCIAL AID

### Graduate Student Parent Grant

Registered graduate student parents (single or married) with dependent children may apply for a need-based award funded by the Graduate Division. This grant may be applied toward housing, dependent health insurance, child care, and/or fee and tuition costs. More information on eligibility and the application process for awards will be posted at [grad.berkeley.edu/life/families.shtml](http://grad.berkeley.edu/life/families.shtml).

## QUESTIONS?

The Graduate Division is here to help. After consulting your departmental Graduate Adviser and/or Graduate Student Services Professional, as well as the resources indicated here, if you have more questions or need assistance contact:

The Graduate Division Dean's Office  
(510) 642-5472 for advice or referral.

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## A Guide for Graduate Student Parents

About one in ten of Berkeley's graduate students is a parent. Recognizing that an academic culture that is family-friendly is essential to the success and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff, the University is committed to supporting policies, programs, and services to help graduate student parents meet their family care obligations while they pursue their academic goals.

This brochure offers an overview of available resources to help graduate students balance academic and family responsibilities. Please visit the Student Families section of the Graduate Division website for more information.

[www.grad.berkeley.edu/life/families.shtml](http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/life/families.shtml)

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

### CHILD CARE

#### Reimbursement Program for Academic Student Employees (ASEs)

Child care reimbursement is available for eligible Academic Student Employees (ASEs). Article 4 of the UAW contract (December 2010 - September 30, 2013) allows each eligible ASE to claim up to \$900 per semester for expenses incurred during the ASE's appointment period and within the regular academic terms (Fall and Spring semesters). Each eligible ASE can also claim up to a total of \$600 for expenses incurred during Summer Session appointment(s).

For more information:

<http://hrweb.berkeley.edu/labor/contracts/BX/childcare-reimbursement-program>

#### Early Childhood Education Program

The Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP) offers space for about 100 children (ages 3 months to 5 years) of student parents. Fees, from zero to full fee, are on a sliding scale set by the State Department of Education and are assessed based on family size and gross monthly income. Enrollment is limited and cannot be guaranteed. Since wait-lists are common, please register your interest as early as possible.

2339 Haste Street, Phone: (510) 642-1827

[housing.berkeley.edu/child](http://housing.berkeley.edu/child)

#### The Albany Children's Center at University Village

offers child care programs for about 375 children, ages three to seven years old, whose parents are Village residents. Some programs offer extended hours (7:30 am to 6 pm).

Phone: (510) 559-6590

#### The Family Resource Center at University Village

offers limited evening and weekend child care for Village residents to provide study time for parents, particularly during midterms and finals.

Phone: (510) 528-4784



### FAMILY HOUSING

About half of Berkeley's graduate student parents live in university housing at University Village in nearby Albany and at the smaller Smyth Fernwald Complex near the main campus. Over 1000 units of family housing are available for student families (undergraduate and graduate), from one-bedroom/one-bath to three-bedroom/two-bath apartments. July 2011, monthly rents range from \$1000 to \$1,969 including all utilities. Since wait-lists are common, please register your interest as early as possible, even before arriving on campus.

Phone: (510) 642-4109 Email: [apts@berkeley.edu](mailto:apts@berkeley.edu)

[housing.berkeley.edu/livingatcal/studentsfamilies.html](http://housing.berkeley.edu/livingatcal/studentsfamilies.html)

### GENERAL INFORMATION & NETWORKS

#### Student Parent Programs

The Student Parent Program provides information, child care referrals, problem solving, and advocacy for the needs of student parents. They offer a central location for student parents who need to be on campus with children and want to arrange an informal child care exchange while in class. The cheerful, inviting space includes toys, a relaxing area for nursing, opportunities to network with other student parents, and access to a fax, computer, and microwave.

Transfer, Re-entry, and Student Parent Center

100 Cesar Chavez Student Center

Phone: (510) 642-4257

Email: [trsp@berkeley.edu](mailto:trsp@berkeley.edu)

<http://studentparents.berkeley.edu>

### Berkeley Parents Network

Created by Berkeley graduate students in 1993, the Berkeley Parents Network (<http://parents.berkeley.edu>) is an independent, free, volunteer-run online community for 28,000 Bay Area parents, providing parent-to-parent advice and local referrals via email newsletters, including childcare, pediatricians, schools and more. To sign up for the newsletters, visit <http://parents.berkeley.edu/subscribe.html>.

### Graduate Assembly (GA)

The graduate student government sponsors programs in support of graduate student parents. For more information, see the GA website at <http://ga.berkeley.edu>.

### HEALTH

#### Insurance Advice for Students with Dependents

University Health Services (UHS) offers periodic workshops as well as individual counseling to assist students with dependents in choosing among private insurance options as well as federal and state public health programs. UC SHIP members also have a dependent insurance option available. Contact the Student Health Insurance Advisor at UHS.

University Health Services, Tang Center

2222 Bancroft Way, 3rd floor

Phone: (510) 642-5742

[uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/families.shtml](http://uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/families.shtml)

#### Breastfeeding Support Program

The Health\*Matters program of University Health Services sponsors lactation rooms at more than a half-dozen locations on campus and offers information and classes on breastfeeding, discounts on personal electric breast pumps, and supportive counseling.

University Health Services, Tang Center

2222 Bancroft Way, 3rd floor

Phone: (510) 643-4646

Email: [hmatters@uhs.berkeley.edu](mailto:hmatters@uhs.berkeley.edu)

[uhs.berkeley.edu/facstaff/healthmatters/breastfeeding.shtml](http://uhs.berkeley.edu/facstaff/healthmatters/breastfeeding.shtml)