



## Our Mission:

To improve the lives of University of California, Berkeley graduate students and foster a vibrant, inclusive graduate student community

The Graduate Assembly is the official representative body of graduate and professional students at the University of California, Berkeley. The fundamental principles of the Graduate Assembly (the GA) are the promotion of a vibrant graduate student social life, inclusiveness, community service, educational improvement, and professional development. In service to these principles, the Graduate Assembly advocates for students, funds student groups, and sponsors a variety of projects.

### GOVERNANCE

#### Delegate Assembly

Delegate representatives are elected by each academic unit on campus. The GA holds monthly Delegate meetings to discuss campus issues impacting graduate students, debate and vote on resolutions, and create advocacy initiatives to improve the overall graduate student experience.

#### Executive Board

Composed of seven elected Officers, the Board meets weekly to coordinate advocacy and carry out various initiatives as directed by the Delegates.

#### Assembly Committees

Delegates sit on various committees, chaired by GA Officers, that guide the advocacy and operations of the GA.

#### Campus Committees

Graduate students serve on 80+ campus committees with other students, faculty, and administrators. Critical campus decision-making takes place in committees, making graduate student representatives a vital avenue for student input and representation.

### COMMUNITY

#### Student Groups

Each year, the GA dedicates one-third of its annual budget to support the funding needs of graduate student groups. The GA funds student groups and student publications, in addition to providing space for events. The GA also offers travel awards for students presenting research at professional and student conferences.

#### Projects

The GA provides resources, advocacy, and programming for UC Berkeley's diverse graduate population through independent projects, each coordinated by a graduate student. See reverse for more information about the GA's nine projects.

#### Campus-Wide Events

The GA Projects regularly hold events that invite participation from graduate students from all parts of campus. Popular events include the Graduate Social Club's Bay Cruise, held in the fall this year, and the Empowering Womxn of Color Conference, hosted in the spring.

### ADVOCACY

#### Advocacy Agenda

At the start of each year, the Delegate Assembly selects an advocacy agenda to guide major advocacy efforts for that year. 2016-2017 working groups focused on basic needs security, diversity, and a Graduate Initiative.

#### Multi-Pronged Approach

The GA represents the interests of graduate students on campus and in the community at the city, state, and federal levels. Within the campus, GA coordinates advocacy in multiple spaces and through many avenues. Delegates advocate in their departments and in the wider campus community as a part of working groups and committees. Officers meet regularly with high-level campus administrators and UC officials to advocate for graduate student interests, representing the voice of the Delegates through the resolutions passed at Assembly meetings. Project Directors advocate on campus and in the community for various stakeholder groups.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED NOW

### 1 Subscribe

Stay apprised of GA events and other happenings by joining the GA's mailing list at [ga.berkeley.edu](http://ga.berkeley.edu) and following us on Facebook at [facebook.com/BerkeleyGA](https://facebook.com/BerkeleyGA). Reach out to Project Directors via [ga.berkeley.edu/projects](http://ga.berkeley.edu/projects) to subscribe to Project listservs.

### 2 Speak Up

Come to our first Delegate Assembly meeting on Thursday, September 14th; make your voice heard during public comment at an Assembly meeting or at a weekly Executive Board meeting; communicate with your department's GA Delegate; serve on a campus committee; or meet new colleagues during an upcoming Project event.

### 3 Participate

Put your passion to work by joining a GA Project and getting involved in events and advocacy on campus and in the community; get involved with your department's student government; work alongside us as a paid staffer; or serve your department as a Delegate or Alternate.

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[Graduate Student Parent Advocacy](#)  
Advocates for student parents and develops programs to support their academic and personal success. Helps ensure that all Graduate Assembly meetings are family-friendly.  
email: [gspa-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:gspa-ga@berkeley.edu)

[Graduate Student Wellness](#)  
Addresses issues that can affect the well-being of graduate students, such as issues of comprehensive health, mental health, and wellness services; financial and tax literacy; and funding opportunities.  
email: [wellness-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:wellness-ga@berkeley.edu)

[Graduate Minority Outreach, Recruitment, and Retention](#)  
Engages with underrepresented minority students across all departments, focusing on issues of admission, retention, and matriculation.  
email: [gmorr-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:gmorr-ga@berkeley.edu)

[Graduate Minority Students Project](#)  
Advocates for underrepresented graduate students in all aspects of academic life. Provides direct services to underrepresented graduate students through social receptions, lectures, workshops, and educational forums.  
email: [gmsp-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:gmsp-ga@berkeley.edu)

[Graduate Social Club](#)  
Organizes and facilitates social interactions between graduate students from all campus departments. Hosts one large event each semester as well as monthly mixers and other social events.  
email: [gsc-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:gsc-ga@berkeley.edu)

[Graduate Women's Project](#)  
Advocates for graduate women across intersecting identities, focusing on issues including but not limited to: racial justice, class inequality, disability and access, and QT/GNC safety and inclusion.  
email: [gwp-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:gwp-ga@berkeley.edu)

[The Berkeley Graduate](#)  
Informs and inspires students by publishing a news website that connects students with the campus-wide community and the work, activities, and issues important to graduate students.  
email: [berkeleygraduate-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:berkeleygraduate-ga@berkeley.edu)

[Queer and Trans Advocacy](#)  
Seeks to improve the experiences of queer and trans graduate students through advocacy and programming that addresses specific needs and concerns of the community.  
email: [qtap-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:qtap-ga@berkeley.edu)

[Women of Color Initiative](#)  
Advocates for and organizes events to support and engage graduate women of color. Coordinates the annual Empowering Womxn of Color Conference, which recently celebrated its 31st anniversary.  
email: [woci-ga@berkeley.edu](mailto:woci-ga@berkeley.edu)

## SAVE THE DATE

### GRADFEST

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22nd at 3:30 pm, Dwinelle Plaza

Meet other new students, connect with campus resources and student organizations, and win prizes! Immediately following New Graduate Student Orientation in Dwinelle Hall. Get your wristband for a happy hour to follow at 5:00 pm, at Spat's on Shattuck.

Sponsored by the GA, the LEAD Center, and the Graduate Division

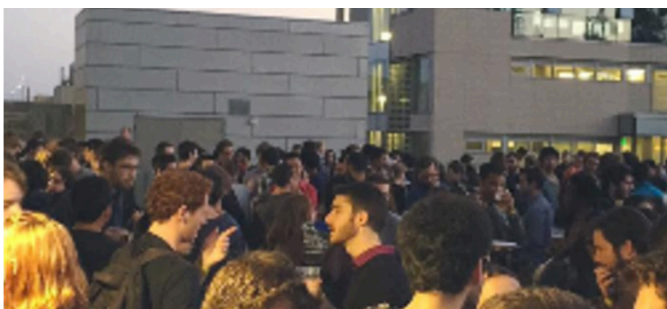
### GRADUATE ASSEMBLY WELCOME BACK PARTY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd at 6 pm, Pauley Ballroom

For any and all graduate students - new and returning - see old friends, meet new people, enjoy LOTS of free pizza and beer!

Learn more from the Graduate Social Club on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCB.GraduateSocialClub/>



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