

BERKELEY FAMILY HOUSING

About half of Berkeley's graduate student parents live in university housing at University Village in Albany. Over 900 family housing units are available for student families (undergraduate and graduate), from one-bedroom/one-bath to three-bedroom/two-bath apartments. As wait lists are common, register your interest as early as possible, even before arriving on campus.

📞 (510) 642-4109 ✉️ apts@berkeley.edu

🖥️ housing.berkeley.edu/universityvillage

NETWORKS

STUDENT PARENT CENTER

Student Parent Center provides information, child care referrals, problem-solving counseling, and advocacy for the needs of student parents. It offers a central, cheerful, inviting space for student parents who need to be on campus with their children, opportunities to network with other student parents, and access to computers and kitchen facilities.

Cesar Chavez Student Center, Berkeley, CA 94720

📞 (510) 643-5729 ✉️ studentparents@berkeley.edu

🖥️ studentparents.berkeley.edu

GRADUATE ASSEMBLY (GA)

The graduate student government sponsors programs to support graduate student parents.

🖥️ ga.berkeley.edu/projects/gspa

BERKELEY PARENTS NETWORK

Created by UC Berkeley graduate students in 1993, this independent, free, volunteer-run online community offers parent-to-parent advice and local referrals via email newsletters, on childcare, pediatricians, schools, and much more. To subscribe to the newsletters, visit:

🖥️ berkeleyparentsnetwork.org



Families Matter

A Resource Guide for Graduate Student Parents

About one in ten of Berkeley's graduate population is a student parent. UC Berkeley recognizes that a family-friendly academic culture 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 resources that can help graduate students balance academic and family responsibilities.

grad.berkeley.edu/students

QUESTIONS?

The Graduate Division is here to help.

After consulting with your departmental Graduate Student Affairs Officer and checking these resources, if you have more questions or need assistance, contact:

Student Life Specialist

318 Sproul Hall

Berkeley, CA 94720-5900

📞 (510) 642-4071 ✉️ gradlife@berkeley.edu

grad.berkeley.edu

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ACADEMIC LEAVE POLICIES

Academic accommodations are mandated by the Graduate Council of the Academic Senate for graduate students who are pregnant and/or have substantial parenting responsibilities. By university policy and state and federal law, all faculty and academic departments and programs must grant applicable accommodations — including extension of time for academic milestones and parenting leave with rights to re-enrollment — to qualifying students. These provisions are detailed in the **Guide to Graduate Policy**, the document governing all policies related to graduate education at UC Berkeley.

Search “Student Parent Policies” at grad.berkeley.edu/policy/fullguide

FAMILY-RELATED ASE CONTRACT POLICIES

Academic Student Employees (ASEs) are eligible for certain parental leave policies governed by the UAW contract: grad.berkeley.edu/financial/families.

FAMILY-RELATED GSR CONTRACT POLICIES

Graduate Student Researchers are eligible for paid child-birth and childcare accommodation leaves. Learn more at grad.berkeley.edu/financial/families.

FINANCIAL AID

For full information on these funding sources, visit,

grad.berkeley.edu/financial/families

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 used for expenses such as housing, dependent health insurance, child care, and/or fee and tuition costs.

GRADUATE STUDENT CAREGIVER GRANT

The Graduate Division has added a companion program to the Student Parent Grant, designed to provide assistance to graduate students who are the primary live-in caregiver for an adult individual.



CHILDBIRTH ACCOMMODATION FUNDING

Women doctoral students in good academic standing who hold a fellowship or GSI or GSR appointment, and who expect to give birth during the Fall or Spring semesters, can be excused from regular duties for a period of six weeks without loss of financial support.

CHILD CARE

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

The University’s Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP) provides early childhood services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at five centers in Berkeley and Albany. ECEP’s goal is to help student parents balance school, work, and family. A number of spaces are reserved for the children of student parents and subsidies are provided to qualified parents.

To qualify for a reserved space or subsidy, one parent must be a registered UC Berkeley student. As of summer 2020, ECEP is currently closed, though it may reopen.

📞 (510) 642-1827 ✉ ecep@berkeley.edu
ece.berkeley.edu

EMERGENCY BACK-UP CHILD CARE

Parents who are registered Berkeley students are eligible (on a first-come, first-served basis) for up to 64 hours per year of highly-subsidized back-up child care from a leading nationwide provider of care services. This program helps student parents when their regular child care arrangements are unavailable.

backupchildcare.berkeley.edu

REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHERS

Reimbursement for child care expenses is available to eligible GSRs for expenses incurred during the regular academic terms (Fall and Spring semesters) and Summer Session appointments.

REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC STUDENT EMPLOYEES (GSIs, READERS, TUTORS)

Reimbursement for child care expenses is available to eligible Academic Student Employees as governed by the current UAW contract.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

INSURANCE ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS

University Health Services (UHS) offers a voluntary plan through our insurance provider Anthem for dependents of students enrolled in SHIP. The Fall enrollment period is July 15 – September 15, and the Spring enrollment period is December 1 – February 1.

📞 (800) 853-5899
uhs.berkeley.edu/insurance/ship-benefits
uhs.berkeley.edu/insurance/insurance-dependents

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

📞 (510) 643-4646
✉ breastfeeding@lists.berkeley.edu

uhs.berkeley.edu/facstaff/wellness/breastfeeding-support