Why Choose Berkeley for Graduate Education?
Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that every member of the Berkeley community has, and continues to benefit from the use and occupation of this land since the institution’s founding in 1868. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and diversity, we have a responsibility to acknowledge and make visible the university’s relationship to Native peoples. As members of the Berkeley community, it is vitally important that we not only recognize the history of the land on which we stand, but also, that the Muwekma Ohlone people are alive and flourishing members of the Berkeley and broader Bay Area communities today.

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Welcome

Dear Prospective Graduate Student,

Why choose UC Berkeley for your graduate studies? As you read through this brochure, you'll find a wealth of reasons that make Berkeley one of the world's top ranked universities. As a Berkeley graduate student, you become part of a prestigious community that boasts 110 Nobel laureates, 103 MacArthur Fellows, and 30 Pulitzer Prize winners among our alumni and faculty. You'll learn from pioneers and innovators, be inspired by your peers, and make a difference through your research, teaching and social activism.

Beyond what you might get out of a Berkeley education though, I invite you to consider what you can contribute. Here you'll find an environment that respects and celebrates the diversity of backgrounds and experiences that strengthen our academic community. We encourage you to bring your full, authentic self: the cultures you embrace, the challenges you've overcome, and the impact you envision making in the future. No matter where you come from, we want you to know that you belong here.

The Graduate Division, along with the Office for Graduate Diversity, are committed to ensuring a welcoming community of support so that your experience at Berkeley is inclusive and empowering, from your interactions with us from the application process to the awarding of your degree. We don’t just want you to succeed — we want you to thrive!

Fiat Lux!

Dr. Denzil A. Streete
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Director — Office for Graduate Diversity
UC Berkeley Graduate Division

Berkeley Graduate Division
Our Commitment to Diversity

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We provide a wealth of support programs to ensure your success, from the time you are admitted until you complete your graduate degree. Graduate Professional Development helps our students explore career options and develop the skills sought by employers in a wide range of sectors, both within and beyond academia. Graduate Student Life helps students navigate health and wellness, financial literacy, housing and food security, parenting support, and community building. And our Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center provides comprehensive and in-depth teacher training.

The Office for Graduate Diversity

The Office for Graduate Diversity (OGD) serves as a resource for the admissions process, academic support, financial advice, and professional development. We also provide a forum for ideas and programs designed to enhance the educational experience of students historically underrepresented in graduate education, including those who are undocumented, first-generation college students, and those who are educationally and financially challenged.

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Diversity & Community Fellows Program
This annual Fellows Program awards over 30 one-year fellowships to graduate students to help advance anti-racism efforts at UC Berkeley. Fellows receive a stipend of $7,500 per academic year to participate in diversity recruitment and departmental climate workshops and engage in peer mentorship and programming for graduate students. grad.berkeley.edu/diversity-and-community-fellows

Annual Awards in Recognition of Graduate Diversity
This annual award to graduate students acknowledges the significant work in creating and/or facilitating anti-racism initiatives within their programs or in support of fellow graduate students. Award recipients receive $2,500 and are acknowledged in Graduate Division campus-wide communications. grad.berkeley.edu/leadership-in-graduate-diversity-awards

American Indian Graduate Program (AIGP)
AIGP promotes the inclusion and success of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in graduate education at Berkeley by providing mentorship, resources, community-building events, and highlighting and celebrating Indigenous achievements within the graduate community. grad.berkeley.edu/aigp

Undocumented Graduate Student Resources
Undocumented graduate student resources and services include immigration legal support, mental health support, financial support, and access to a full-time Undocumented Graduate Student Specialist. grad.berkeley.edu/undocugrads

Inclusive Excellence Hub — 2515 Channing Way
Opening in fall 2022, the Hub will be a home of inclusivity where historically underrepresented graduate students can find camaraderie and build multi-disciplinary networks of support and care with their peers through innovative programming.

Graduate Diversity Pilot Program
This program funds grants up to $175,000 to departments for training, tools and programming for graduate students, faculty, and staff to raise awareness of issues of bias, foster healthy and respectful departmental climates, and advance equity, inclusion, and diversity. Currently, nine departments are involved in this pilot program.

Supporting Climate-related Programs Across Campus
The Graduate Division collaborates with other units on larger structural changes, for example partnering with Berkeley Engineering’s Empower program to expand their programming and develop new workshops to advance anti-racism and improve the climate.

UC Berkeley Graduate Admissions Institute
The UC Berkeley Graduate Admissions Institute provides information, resources and training on inclusive admissions best practices to departments interested in diversifying their graduate student cohorts and promoting the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and belonging.

The Graduate Diversity Leadership Academy
This yearlong effort is designed to help equip departments to focus on the domains of admissions, belonging, climate, and data for equity. The academy content is designed to align with the life cycle of graduate education during the academic year and engages faculty in exploring these topics.
Why Choose Berkeley for Graduate Education

More than 13,000 Graduate Students study in over 120 master’s and doctoral degree programs at UC Berkeley. Our faculty, graduate students, and degree programs rank among the best in the world.

Through fellowships and other financial aid, academic and professional guidance, and resources for personal well-being and life balance, the Graduate Division supports our students in redefining what’s possible for today and tomorrow.

Our Academics are World-Acclaimed

3,000
master’s and professional degrees each year.

The most doctoral degrees in the nation — close to 800.

99%
of incoming students cite the outstanding reputation of their graduate program as important in their decision to enroll.

2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities rated Berkeley public university #1 in the world

#1
#5

Our Faculty and Alumni are Unsurpassed

Our award-winning faculty place high value on the role that graduate students play in Berkeley’s culture and success. Graduate alumni number over 541,000 and include holders of cutting-edge patents, founders of world-shaking startup ventures and social initiatives, and recipients of the Nobel Prize and MacArthur “Genius” awards, to name a few.

GRADUATE ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

24
Nobel Laureates

50
MacArthur Fellows

33
National Medal of Science Recipients

10
Nobel Laureates

6
AM Turing Award Recipients

364
Guggenheim Fellows

4
Pulitzer Prize Winners

FACULTY AWARDS

A Location Like No Other with Unlimited Opportunity

With top experts, national labs, Silicon Valley nearby, and engagement with cutting-edge companies, our campus is a hub of innovation and exploration. Our wide range of multidisciplinary research centers, museums, and institutes fosters constant collaboration and innovation.

Our Bay Area location affords you a comfortable Mediterranean climate and the best of urban life within easy reach of the Pacific Coast, Sierra Nevada mountains, redwoods, and wine country. And the view of the San Francisco Bay from our scenic 1,200 acre campus doesn’t hurt either.

A Diverse, Welcoming and Collaborative Community

Our passion for critical inquiry, debate, discovery, and innovation is informed by a deep commitment to contributing to a better world. We take great pride in ensuring that our graduate students have a full yet balanced experience during their time here. Berkeley is committed to encouraging and supporting students of all backgrounds on campus and fostering a welcoming climate that lets everyone thrive. Our family-friendly policies make our graduate experience attainable for all admitted students.
Who are Berkeley Graduate Students?

UC Berkeley is famed for the breadth, depth, and reach of more than 100 graduate programs in 14 schools and colleges. Nearly all first-year students cite the outstanding reputation and quality of their graduate program as important in their decision to enroll at Berkeley. Typically, half of admitted applicants choose Berkeley over other offers.

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<th>Doctoral</th>
<th>Master's</th>
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<td>4,462</td>
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<td>New</td>
<td>879</td>
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<td>5,341</td>
<td>7,904</td>
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<td>American Indian/Alaskan Native</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>Black/African-American</td>
<td>636</td>
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<td>Chicano/Mexican-American</td>
<td>715</td>
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<td>Chinese/Chinese-American</td>
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<td>Japanese/Japanese-American</td>
<td>119</td>
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<td>Other Asian</td>
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<td>Other/Unknown</td>
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<td>Pacific Islander</td>
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<td>Pilipino/Filipino</td>
<td>175</td>
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<td>South Asian</td>
<td>586</td>
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<td>Vietnamese</td>
<td>168</td>
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<td>White/Caucasian</td>
<td>4,046</td>
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<td><strong>9,343</strong></td>
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<td>Women</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>Average</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>Youngest</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Oldest</td>
<td>73</td>
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<td>Underrepresented Minorities</td>
<td>15%</td>
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Our graduate students represent 128 countries and 49 states.

Among the 45,057 students at Berkeley, 29% are pursuing doctoral and master’s degrees in more than 100 disciplines.

Career Outcomes

The Graduate Division supports graduate students in exploring and preparing for the full range of diverse careers available to them, within and beyond academia. Berkeley’s Path to the Professoriate Program engages up to 100 first-year Ph.D. students from underrepresented backgrounds in workshops and structured activities around demystifying the route to the Assistant Professorship and establishing and building a publication pipeline. Participants in the program receive a $500 stipend at the end of each semester.

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<th>CAREER PLACEMENT OF DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS</th>
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<td>Employer</td>
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<td>Business (for profit)</td>
<td>1,323</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>College or University</td>
<td>2,011</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Hospital / Clinic</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>K-12 School</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>National Laboratory</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Self-Employed</td>
<td>36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other/Unknown</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,348</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
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<th>Type of Position</th>
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<td>Tenure track faculty</td>
<td>531</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Postdoc</td>
<td>1,221</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-tenure track faculty</td>
<td>297</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>1,876</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,825</strong></td>
<td><strong>100%</strong></td>
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While tuition and fees, along with the higher cost of living in the Bay Area, can be significant, don’t be put off. Financial aid, fellowships, and teaching appointments reduce these costs and cover the cost of tuition and fees for many Berkeley graduate students. In addition, the Office for Graduate Diversity manages several fellowship and grant programs for students from historically underrepresented backgrounds and can help you navigate the options available to you.

### Costs of Graduate Education at Berkeley 2021-2022

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<th>Academic Programs</th>
<th>Professional Programs</th>
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<td>Tuition and fees 1</td>
<td>$14,160</td>
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<td>Student health insurance plan 2</td>
<td>$6,088</td>
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<td><strong>Total Direct Costs</strong></td>
<td><strong>$20,248</strong></td>
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**Other Estimated Costs**

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<td>Housing and Utilities</td>
<td>$15,840</td>
<td>$17,780</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$7,416</td>
<td>$8,234</td>
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<td>Books and supplies</td>
<td>$370</td>
<td>$646</td>
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<tr>
<td>Personal</td>
<td>$2,306</td>
<td>$2,790</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$2,722</td>
<td>$3,240</td>
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1 Tuition & Fees: Out-of-state residents in Graduate Academic Programs add $15,102 in Nonresident Supplemental Tuition. Nonresidents in professional degree programs will pay nonresident supplemental tuition and fees of $25,246 or $25,646, and some programs have additional fees. Check with your school or department for the most accurate information.

2 The Student Health Insurance Plan is optional and can be waived with proof of insurance that is equivalent to SHIP or better.

### Sources of Financial Support for Doctoral Students 2019–2020

**Humanities and Social Sciences:**
- Fellowships 59%
- GSIs (teaching assistantships) 30%
- GSRs (research assistantships) 9%
- Reader appointments 1%
- Other 1%

**Sciences and Engineering:**
- Fellowships 39%
- GSIs (teaching assistantships) 38%
- GSRs (research assistantships) 22%
- Reader appointments <1%
- Other 1%

### Other Campus Funding Opportunities

Conference Travel Grants • Parent Grants; Caregiver Grants • Research Grants/ Fellowships (from Institutes/Centers & Others) • Training Grant Programs

### Learn About Programs and How to Apply

**GIGS@Berkeley**

Getting into Grad School at UC Berkeley (GIGS@Berkeley) is an online professional development series offered by the Office for Graduate Diversity whose ultimate goal is to inspire and provide guidance to individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences to select, apply and enroll in graduate school. GIGS@Berkeley mentors include **Graduate Diversity & Community Fellows** who can help prospective students understand the application process and provide insight into the culture, climate, and opportunities based on their own experience as current graduate students.

**Graduate Diversity Admission Fair**

Taking place every fall, the Graduate Diversity Admissions Fair was developed specifically for underrepresented minority students considering graduate school, though it is open to all attendees.

During this weekend event, you’ll hear about a broad selection of our graduate programs, an overview of funding opportunities and diversity programs, and department presentations. The event includes an “Application Hackathon” that will pair prospective students with current Berkeley graduate students for 30-minute help sessions.

grad.berkeley.edu/graduate-diversity/prospective-grad-students/graduate-diversity-admissions-fair
Explore and Choose Your Program | When to do it: Now
It's never too early to begin exploring what UC Berkeley has to offer. With more than 100 programs to choose from, it's important to find what's right for you. **Register for and attend the week-long Graduate Diversity Admissions Fair in the fall,** developed specifically for underrepresented students considering graduate school.

Know Your Deadlines
Many programs have their own application requirements and process for the application review, so review the program's admission web page carefully.

Review the Requirements and Gather What You Need | When to do it: Begin at least 3 months before you apply
You may apply to only one single degree program or one concurrent degree program per admission term.

Apply Online | When to do it: September to as late as February
You can submit your application for Fall admission beginning in September. The majority of deadlines are in December but check your program.

Track Your Application | When to do it: December through June
Check the status of the materials received or processed, such as: fee waivers, test scores, letters of recommendation, and admission decisions.

Application Decisions Announced | When: February through June
If you have been offered admission, you will be asked to accept or decline the offer through the “Reply to Offer of Admission” form.

*grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply*

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**Programs Offered**
Visit [grad.berkeley.edu](http://grad.berkeley.edu) for the most recent list of programs.

- African American Studies PhD
- Agricultural and Resource Economics PhD
- Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology PhD
- Anthropology 5th-Year MA (For UCB students only)
- Anthropology PhD
- Applied Mathematics PhD
- Applied Science and Technology PhD
- Architecture & City Planning MArch/MCP
- Architecture & Civil Engineering MArch/MS
- Architecture MArch
- Architecture MS
- Architecture PhD
- Art Practice MFA
- Asian Studies MA
- Astrophysics PhD
- Bioengineering (joint UCSF) JtPhD
- Bioengineering MEng
- Biophysics PhD
- Biostatistics MA
- Biostatistics MA/PhD
- Biostatistics PhD
- Buddhist Studies PhD
- Business Administration PhD
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering MS
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering PhD
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Prof MS
- Chemistry PhD
- Chinese Language PhD
- City and Regional Planning PhD
- City Planning & Civil and Env Eng MCP/Prof MS
- City Planning & Public Health MCP/MPH
- Civil & Environmental Engineering MEng
- Civil & Environmental Engineering PhD
- Civil & Environmental Engineering Prof MS
- Classical Archaeology PhD
- Classics PhD
- Comparative Biochemistry PhD
- Comparative Literature PhD
- Computational Biology PhD
- Computational Precision Health (joint UCSF) JtPhD
- Demography MA
- Demography PhD
- Design MDes
- Development Engineering MDevEng
- Development Practice MDP
Plant Biology PhD
Political Science PhD
Psychology PhD
Public Affairs MPA
Public Health & Journalism MPH/MJ
Public Health MPH
Public Health-Online MPH
Public Policy & Civil and Environmental Engineering MPP/MS
Public Policy & Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences MPP/MS
Public Policy & Energy and Resources MPP/MA
Public Policy & Energy and Resources MPP/MS
Public Policy & Mechanical Engineering MPP/MS
Public Policy & Nuclear Engineering MPP/MS
Public Policy & Public Health MPP/MPH
Public Policy MPP
Public Policy PhD
Rangeland and Wildlife Management MS
Real Estate Development & Design MREDD
Rhetoric PhD
Romance Languages & Literatures PhD
Scandinavian Languages & Literatures PhD
Science & Mathematics Education PhD
Slavic Languages & Literatures PhD
Social Welfare & Public Health MSW/MPH
Social Welfare & Public Policy MSW/MPP
Social Welfare MSW
Social Welfare MSW/PhD
Social Welfare PhD
Sociology PhD
Sociology-Demography PhD
South & Southeast Asian Studies MA
South & Southeast Asian Studies PhD
Statistics MA
Statistics PhD
Translational Medicine (joint UCSF) MTM
Urban Design MUD
Vision Science PhD

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Email: grad.diversity@berkeley.edu