Get Ready for Berkeley!

Don't forget to read the Graduate Student Handbook or check out these online resources to prepare you for graduate life at Berkeley. Save the date for our virtual New Graduate Student Orientation from Aug. 18-25 in the afternoons!

Dear,

As the Director of Graduate Student Life in the Graduate Division, I'm pleased to welcome you and to share some resources that can make your transition to Berkeley smoother.

We are committed to making Fall 2020 a high-quality experience regardless of whether or not you are physically present at UC Berkeley. If you choose to come to campus this fall, there are many things you can start doing now to prepare for your arrival.

Explore your housing options early using some of the helpful links below, and if you’re planning to apply for residency status in the future, be sure you understand the differences in this year’s policy due to COVID-19. If you’re an international student, the Berkeley International Office (BIO) should be your primary point of contact. BIO currently does not recommend international travel, but please check with their staff for the most up-to-date information.

Review the UC immunization requirement and check out various health care resources. Don’t forget to upload your photo to the Cal 1 Card website so your ID can be waiting when you arrive! Due to COVID-19, be sure to check the Cal 1 Card website for the most up-to-date hours.

If you are bringing your family with you, take a look at the resources for parenting assistance and family support.

If you would like to set up a meeting with me to discuss various campus resources, sign up for a 15-minute virtual appointment.

Warmly,

Larissa Charmsangavej
Director of Graduate Student Life

New Student Resources
Look for Housing

- Cal Housing | Cal Rentals | Craigslist Bay Area
- Summer Transition Housing | Graduate Assembly’s Housing Guide | Housing Tips

Find International Student Resources

- Berkeley International Office
- New International Student Resources (check with BIO to confirm accuracy)
- International House | International House COVID-19 page

Learn about Health Care Resources

- Immunization Mandate | Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
- SHIP Waiver | Dependent SHIP Enrollment
- Using the Campus Health Services

Explore Resources for Students with Families

- Student Parent Center | Back-Up Child Care Program
- Financial Support for Student Parents | Berkeley Parents Network

Get Ready to Enroll

- Enrollment FAQ | Class Schedule

Questions? Contact the Graduate Division.

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