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Dear

The time is fast approaching for you to start the next chapter of your life at UC Berkeley. The Graduate Division team, myself included, is so excited to connect with you and help you hit the ground running from day one. (Don’t forget to register for New Graduate Student Orientation and our Grad-stravaganza, opportunities for you to learn more about programs and services and connect with fellow Graduate Students!).
In order to do so, I wanted to give you a brief overview of the offices in our division and how they can be of service during your time at Berkeley.

**Office of Graduate Student Life** supports graduate students around issues such as health education and wellness, housing, social connection, and engagement. **Make a 15-minute appointment** with our Director of Graduate Student Life or contact her directly at gradlife@berkeley.edu.

The **Office for Student Rights and Responsibilities** assists students, faculty, and staff in matters related to graduate academic conduct, academic integrity, and departmental climate. Contact this office directly at gradlife@berkeley.edu.

**Office for Graduate Diversity** staff provide support services for students on the Berkeley campus to maintain a more diverse graduate student community, and to enhance the educational experience of underrepresented students.

**Graduate Student Funding** team members work with faculty and staff in your department to help you fund your graduate education. You can also discover university-funded and external fellowships on their website.

The **Graduate Writing Center** provides workshops, one-on-consultations, writing groups, and courses to assist you win developing the academic writing skills needed to succeed with your degree program. Visit their website to get started.

**GradPro**, provides resources and programs for master’s and doctoral candidates and serves as a gateway to professional development opportunities that help you develop the skills and experiences crucial to success in whatever career you choose.

The **Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center** prepares graduate students for teaching at Berkeley and in future academic and professional careers. The Center can also help you earn a Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education while completing your degree.

**Degrees** staff track your progress from registration to graduation. After speaking with your department/program’s advisor, you can **consult with the Degrees staff** about qualifying exams, advancement to candidacy, filing fees, probation and re-enrollment.

Representatives from our division and other campus services will be present at **New Graduate Student Orientation** and **Grad-stravaganza** to welcome you to Berkeley!
See you soon,

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Save the Date

AUG 16-18, 23
The Graduate Division’s New Graduate Student Orientation will be hosted virtually August 16–18, 2022, concluding with in-person community and social events on August 23.

Register Now

Join us from 5 – 7 p.m. for free food and live entertainment in a family-friendly environment at our annual Grad-stravaganza.

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Explore the New Student Guide for more resources to help you feel at home at UC Berkeley.