You are destined for great things.

Dear Allison,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the UC Berkeley graduate student community. You are joining a diverse and talented group of students who will become your collaborators, fellow challengers of the status quo, and lifelong friends.
In collaboration with your department, it is our job at the Graduate Division to support you and your peers with everything you need to do your important work and succeed at Cal.

In order to make your transition to Berkeley as smooth as possible – check out our Getting Started at Berkeley list of 10 things you can do to prepare for your future here.

I also recommend staying in close contact with Ricky Vides at rickv72@berkeley.edu, who is the Graduate Student Affairs Officer (GSAO) in the (For UCB students only) program and your main point of contact moving forward.

I know there is a lot to take in, but don’t worry: We’ll stay connected throughout the summer about upcoming deadlines and important resources. You can find helpful information through our Instagram: @ucberkeleygraduate and Twitter: @GradDivision.

If you ever have a question about anything, please don’t hesitate to reach out to your GSAO, Ricky Vides, or simply reply to this email. We’re so glad you’re a part of the UC Berkeley graduate community—and we can’t wait to see all that you will achieve.

Fiat Lux!

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