

Berkeley Graduate Division

Welcome to Berkeley!

The Graduate Division serves more than 11,000 students in over 100 graduate degree programs. We are here to help you from the time you are admitted until you complete your graduate program.

While your department is often your first stop for information, we help guide you along the path to your degree. We are your partners for an array of academic, personal, and professional support services that are key to the everyday well-being and lifelong successes of Berkeley students. **Welcome!**



Graduate Division Resources

The Graduate Division has three chief roles in supporting graduate education at UC Berkeley:

Degree Completion

As a central service center for the entire campus, the Graduate Division works to guide and assist students from the moment of admission, through the various milestones of their progress, to the completion of their degree requirements.

Personal and Professional Support

We provide academic, personal, diversity-related, and professional development support services that are vital to the everyday well-being and lifelong successes of Berkeley master's, professional, and doctoral students.

Policy Creation and Administration

As the authoritative resource and chief advocate for graduate education, we ensure the equitable administration of policies governing graduate studies across Berkeley's schools and colleges.



grad.berkeley.edu



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Office of the Dean of the Graduate Division



Lisa García Bedolla,
Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and
Dean of the Graduate Division,

is the chief advocate for graduate education and research at Berkeley, working with the Graduate Council of the Academic Senate to sustain the world-renowned excellence of more than 100 graduate programs. The Vice Provost and Dean collaborates with campus faculty and staff to build diverse sources of financial, academic, career, and life-

balance support for Berkeley's 11,000-plus doctoral and master's students.

Prior to her appointment at the Graduate Division, Vice Provost and Dean García Bedolla served as the director of Institute of Governmental Studies at UC Berkeley and professor in the Graduate School of Education. She has earned five national book awards for her work exploring why people choose to engage politically, and she serves on the editorial board of the *American Political Science Review*.

Associate Deans are faculty members serving part-time. They assist with strategic planning and communications, review requests for exception to policy, serve as liaisons to the Graduate Council, and represent the Graduate Division in academic program reviews.



Gail Brager

is a Professor of Architecture. An Associate Dean since 2018, she oversees

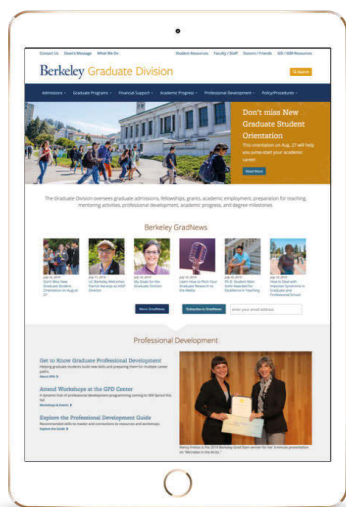
admission allotments for academic programs; reviews academic program proposals and related matters; oversees the Interdisciplinary PhD program; and supports the GSI Teaching and Resource Center, Graduate Writing Center, and mentoring programs. She works with the Advisory Committee for Graduate Student Instructor Affairs and liaises with the campus's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.



Brandi Wilkins Catanese

is an Associate Professor in the departments of African American

Studies and Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies. An Associate Dean since July 2021, she supports student welfare, health and wellness, addresses issues facing student parents, and works with the Advisory Committee for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Professional Development. With the Director of Student Funding, she oversees student financial support (fellowships, awards, grants, and academic employment) and helps coordinate fellowship competitions at UC Berkeley.



How We Get the Word Out

► Grad.berkeley.edu

Our website is the central online resource for all graduate students. There you will find information about upcoming deadlines, fellowships, campus employment, professional skill development, work-life balance, thesis or dissertation filing, and future career preparation.

See our [Student Resources page](#) for essential information on everything from employment to academic milestones. grad.berkeley.edu/students

► [Events and Lectures](#)

The Graduate Division hosts events that instruct, support and celebrate graduate students:

- New Graduate Student Orientation + Welcome Events
- Office for Graduate Diversity Workshops and Events
- Celebration of Distinguished Fellows Reception
- Professional and Master's Students Reception
- GSI Awards Ceremonies and Mentoring Awards Ceremonies

Graduate students are encouraged to attend our annual series of Berkeley Graduate Lectures and Tanner Lectures on Human Values, which bring prominent scholars and speakers from around the world to campus.

► [E-Newsletters](#)

The Graduate Division sends out a monthly electronic newsletter, [GradNews](#), to the email address you've entered into Cal Central. *GradNews* brings you useful facts, tips, and announcements vital to all Berkeley graduate students, including fellowship opportunities, policy matters that affect you, and news of interest to graduate students, alumni, and faculty.

We also distribute digital digests with information pertaining to graduate student life and professional development.

Share Your Research or Ideas with Us

[Communications Contact](#)

✉ gradpub@berkeley.edu

[Lectures Contact](#)

✉ lectures@berkeley.edu

💻 gradlectures.berkeley.edu

💻 tannerlectures.berkeley.edu

Visit this webpage for the most up-to-date version of this brochure and other Graduate Division publications:



Graduate Diversity

For more than 50 years, UC Berkeley has been committed to mentoring, encouraging, and supporting historically underrepresented students on the UC Berkeley campus. 📍 327 Sproul Hall

► OFFICE FOR GRADUATE DIVERSITY

Office for Graduate Diversity staff provide support services for prospective and continuing students on the Berkeley campus in an effort to support and maintain a more diverse graduate student community. OGD is a resource for enhancing the educational experience of historically underrepresented students, including those who are undocumented, first-generation college students, and those who are financially challenged.

✉ grad.diversity@berkeley.edu

► AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE PROGRAM

The director and staff of the AIGP promote the inclusion and success of American Indians and Alaska Natives in graduate education at Berkeley by providing mentorship, resources, community-building events, and by highlighting and celebrating Indigenous achievements within the graduate community. Connect with AIGP staff to learn more about academic and community resources.

✉ aigp@berkeley.edu

► UNDOCUMENTED GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES

Undocumented students in graduate and professional degree programs have access to Office for Graduate Diversity and the Undocumented Student Program services such as immigration legal support, mental health support, financial support, and a full-time Undocumented Graduate Student Specialist. Reach out to us for individualized support!

✉ undocugrad@berkeley.edu

Graduate Student Services

Our friendly staff help track your progress from the time you apply until you receive your degree. We coordinate with staff and faculty in your program to get things done for you! 📍 318 Sproul Hall

► ADMISSIONS

Admissions staff advise prospective applicants, faculty, and departments on policy and procedures for gaining admission to graduate study at Berkeley.

✉ gradadm@berkeley.edu

► APPOINTMENTS + EMPLOYMENT

We support departments in their efforts to appoint students in academic/research titles such as Graduate Student Instructors, Graduate Student Researchers, Readers or Tutors. We also oversee fee remission benefits and ensure compliance with policies.

✉ gradappt@berkeley.edu

► DEGREES

Degrees staff track your progress from registration to graduation. After speaking with staff in your department, you can consult with our staff about Qualifying Exams, advancement to candidacy, filing fees, probation, and re-enrollment.

💻 bit.ly/Grad-Degrees

► FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship staff work with faculty and staff in your department to help you fund your graduate education. Discover university- and federally funded fellowships, foundation and corporate awards, department awards and block grants on our website.

✉ gradfell@berkeley.edu

► GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

We support graduate students around issues such as health education and wellness, housing, social connection, and engagement. We collaborate with campus units to support student well-being and cultivate community among Berkeley's grad students.

✉ gradlife@berkeley.edu

Financing Your Education

At Berkeley, your application for admission was simultaneously considered for funding. If you didn't receive a departmental or university award at admission, don't stop looking. Keep seeking opportunities throughout your graduate career, as opportunities shift as your work progresses. Be sure to build in sufficient time to complete each application's requirements (including time for third-party references or nominations) to meet every deadline.

► UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Multi-year fellowships (2+ years)

These fellowships usually cover tuition and fees, with a stipend for living expenses. Students are nominated by their academic departments and selected by faculty committees.

One-year fellowships

Students should consult their academic programs and apply directly for one-year fellowships to cover specific phases of graduate study, including:

Research | Internship | Mentorship | Dissertation Writing Grants

Grants for graduate students usually offset or cover expenses related to specific projects, such as:

**Travel | Summer Research | Language Study
Professional Development | Conference Attendance**

Be sure to search your department's website and other online resources such as **the Graduate Division's fellowships page** for other university funding sources.

► EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Graduate students are encouraged to research portable awards from the National Science Foundation and other government agencies, as well as private sources. The Graduate Division offers workshops each fall for students interested in applying to NSF or Ford Foundation fellowships. Browse the websites of federal agencies and foundations, professional associations and journals in your field of interest and online sources such as **fastweb.com**, **finaid.org**, and **grad.ucla.edu/funding** for additional funding sources.

► CAMPUS EMERGENCY LOANS

Registered students may apply for an emergency loan, interest-free if repaid within 60 days (with a small processing fee). The maximum loan amount is set each semester by the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office and is subject to change without notice.

► FEDERAL LOANS

The Financial Aid & Scholarships Office (FASO) administers Federal Direct Loans, several smaller federal loan programs, and the Federal Work-Study Program. Graduate students who are U.S. Citizens or permanent residents can usually borrow what they need to supplement their academic year budget (tuition, fees, and living expenses) or pursue merit-based awards and other available resources.

For detailed information on how and when to apply for loans and how funds are disbursed, see the **Graduate Award Guide** on FASO's website:

If you still have questions after visiting the website, you can submit questions at **Cal Student Central**. Be sure to include your student ID number and make sure your email address and phone number are correct in Cal Central.

► CAMPUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Students often work as Graduate Student Instructors, Readers, Graduate Student Researchers, and Tutors. These appointments provide monetary support, skills training, and preparation for future careers. Depending on the percentage of time, they may also cover tuition and fees. The Graduate Division maintains a webpage of open GSI and GSR positions, though you should also check with your advisor about open positions.

Visit this webpage for the most up-to-date version of this brochure and other Graduate Division publications:



Graduate Professional Development

Graduate Professional Development (GradPro, the Graduate Writing Center, and the GSI Teaching & Resource Center) provides resources and programs that enable master's and doctoral students to develop the skills they need to succeed in their academic programs and launch their careers, whether in or beyond academia.

► GRADPRO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS

GradPro serves as a resource hub to help master's and doctoral students learn about and navigate professional development resources both in and beyond the Graduate Division. Through its workshops, check-in groups, confidential consultations, and the Professional Development Guide, GradPro assists graduate students in identifying and developing skills that will help them succeed in their programs and prepare for careers. GradPro also works with faculty and departments in their role of supporting graduate student professional development.

The GradPro online calendar features workshops, conferences, talks, and events sponsored by GradPro and campus partners that aim to build skills for various careers.

✉ gradpro@berkeley.edu 🖥 grad.berkeley.edu/events
🖥 Visit our "About GradPro" page on grad.berkeley.edu

► GSI TEACHING & RESOURCE CENTER

The Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center prepares graduate students for teaching at Berkeley and in future academic and professional careers.

Offerings include fall and spring teaching conferences; workshops on teaching; the online course, Professional Standards and Ethics in Teaching; a Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education; confidential consultations on teaching and on preparing teaching materials for the academic job search; electronic resources, including the *Teaching Guide for GSIs*; grants and awards for GSIs and their faculty mentors; the Language Proficiency Program for international GSIs; and seminars for faculty on teaching with GSIs. 📍 **301 Sproul Hall**

🖥 gsi.berkeley.edu ✉ gsi@berkeley.edu ☎ 510-642-4456

► GRADUATE WRITING CENTER

The Graduate Writing Center assists graduate students in developing the academic and professional skills necessary to successfully complete their graduate degrees and to prepare for future academic and professional careers. Offerings include workshops on academic writing (grant writing, thesis/dissertation writing), editing, and publishing; writing groups; and confidential consultations.

📍 **307 Sproul Hall**

✉ gradwriting@berkeley.edu ☎ 510-643-9392

► SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PREPARING FUTURE FACULTY

This six-week summer program is designed to support doctoral candidates preparing for future academic positions. Find it on the GSI Center website under "Workshops, Seminars, and Institutes."



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Graduate Professional Development Partners

We partner with campus organizations to support the career growth of Berkeley graduate students. Below are some of our key partners.

► THE CAREER CENTER

The Berkeley Career Center offers confidential appointments with career counselors, workshops on the academic job search and expanded professional options, an M.S./Ph.D. Career Fair, employer information sessions, and the annual Ph.D. Career Colloquium.

 **2440 Bancroft Way**  510-642-1716

 career.berkeley.edu

► BEYOND ACADEMIA

This career education conference and network was created by and for Ph.D. students and postdoctoral scholars who are considering careers outside of academia or are interested in learning about the many career options available to Ph.D.s.

Conference attendees hear from, and interact with, panels of successful and creative professionals; workshops and networking events allow for discussion in an informal setting.

 beyondacademia.org

► VISITING SCHOLARS & POSTDOC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

VSPA coordinates various career networking opportunities often open to graduate students at Berkeley. Staff offer programs and services to help meet the educational needs and career interests of postdoctoral scholars and to foster a robust postdoctoral community.

 **302 Sproul Hall**  vspa@berkeley.edu

 vspa.berkeley.edu

University Health Services

 **2222 Bancroft Way**  uhs.berkeley.edu

 telltang@berkeley.edu  510-642-2000

UHS provides comprehensive medical, mental health, and health promotion services to Berkeley students, as well as limited services to other eligible groups. Services are designed to minimize the impacts of illness, emotional distress, or injury on studies and work. The facility is fully accredited and staffed by board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, a nutritionist, and nurses.

Students can use medical services just as they would at their regular doctor's office and urgent care center, whether or not they are enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan.

 uhs.berkeley.edu

SAMPLE WORKSHOPS FOR GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- Managing Stress, Anxiety, and Depression
- Managing Social Anxiety
- Exploring Majors/Careers as an International Student
- Mindfulness Meditation

SAMPLE STUDENT SUPPORT GROUPS

- From Self-Criticism to Kindness
- Grief & Loss Support
- Graduate Women's Support
- Graduate Men's Support
- Queer Womyn of Color Support
- Understanding Self and Others

Please check the site listed below for the most current list of available groups.

 uhs.berkeley.edu/caps

Campus Services and Resources

Basic Needs Center provides food assistance, emergency housing/rental support, financial counseling related to food or housing needs, emergency financial support, as well as one-on-one resource support services.


 basicneeds.berkeley.edu

 basicneedscenter@berkeley.edu

Berkeley International Office (BIO) provides support to international students and scholars through advising, immigration services, advocacy, and programming for the Berkeley campus community.

 **2299 Piedmont Avenue**


 510-642-2818  internationaloffice.berkeley.edu

CalCentral Dashboard includes all crucial student information: admissions, financial aid, registration, enrollment, billing and payment, advising, course management, and records.  calcentral.berkeley.edu

Cal Student Central This multi-service unit, which includes the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office, assists students with registration and enrollment, billings and payments, and federal and emergency loans.

 120 Sproul Hall  510-664-9181

 studentcentral.berkeley.edu

Disabled Students' Program provides disability-related classroom and academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Staff advise about special aid, scholarships, and vocational rehabilitation benefits. Student grants are available for disability-related assistive technology.  dsp.berkeley.edu

 260 Cesar Chavez Student Ctr.

 510-642-0518 / TTY: 510-642-6376

Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP)

provides early childhood services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at five centers in Berkeley and Albany. A number of spaces are reserved for the children of student parents, and subsidies are available to qualified parents.

 510-642-1827  ece.berkeley.edu/students



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Learn more at grad.berkeley.edu

Gender Equity Resource Center provides support and services for women and LGBTQ+ students, as well as advocacy, support, and education on sexual and relationship violence and hate crimes.

 202 Cesar Chavez Student Ctr.

 510-642-4786  geneq.berkeley.edu


The Graduate Assembly (GA) is the official campus graduate student government. The GA provides resources and advocacy for graduate students at Berkeley, funds graduate student groups, collaborates with the administration, and launches independent projects that support graduate student communities.  **Eshleman Hall, Room 444,**
 ga.berkeley.edu

Housing options for graduate students include university-owned and -operated housing, group housing co-operatives, and off-campus rental housing. Start your journey at housing.berkeley.edu. Most grad students live in off-campus housing. Berkeley's **Cal Rental's website** can assist you with finding rentals.



 510-642-3644  calrentals@berkeley.edu

 och.berkeley.edu



 housing.berkeley.edu/graduate

Library Services The Berkeley Library offers world-class collections and resources in more than 20 subject-based libraries on campus. Access the list of databases by subject, type, and title on the Library website. To learn about services that support your research and to find your department's library liaison, visit:  lib.berkeley.edu

Ombuds Office for Students and Postdoctoral Appointees is a neutral and confidential resource for

conflict resolution about a campus-related issue or concern. The Ombudsperson will listen to your case, serve as a sounding board, discuss your options, provide coaching on communication, and help you navigate difficult situations.  510-642-5754  sa.berkeley.edu/ombuds

The Path to Care Center provides affirming, empowering, and confidential support for survivors and those who have experienced gendered violence or harassment. Confidential advocates bring a nonjudgmental, caring approach to exploring all options, rights and resources.

Appointments:  (510) 642-1988  care.berkeley.edu