# Why Choose Berkeley for Graduate Education?

# More than 11,000 graduate students

study in over 100 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

Berkeley is famed for the breadth, and depth of 100+ graduate programs in 14 schools and colleges.

Berkeley responds to student interest with an array of cuttingedge master's and professional programs, awarding more than 4,000 master's and professional degrees each year.



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- ► Each year Berkeley awards the most doctoral degrees in the nation close to 900.
- 96% of incoming students cite the outstanding reputation of their graduate program as important in their decision to enroll at Berkeley.

# National and international rankings of graduate programs place Berkeley among the very best

- The 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities again rated Berkeley the number one public university and number five in the world.
- For the fifth straight year, UC Berkeley tops the list of public universities in global rankings by U.S. News & World Report.



#### Our faculty are unsurpassed

Every year our faculty members win an array of prestigious recognitions, from Nobel prizes to National Academy awards to Guggenheim Fellowships

Our faculty place high value on the role that graduate students play in Berkeley's culture and success, citing the quality of Berkeley's graduate students as the most important contributor



Professor and Chair of Architecture Ronald Rael; Photo: Elena Zhukova

#### $\label{to their sense of satisfaction} \ \mbox{with their work}.$

# Our supportive programs are

# groundbreaking

The Graduate Division supports graduate students from the time they are admitted until they complete their degree.

Our Graduate Professional Development Program helps our students explore career options and develop the skills sought by employers in a wide range of sectors, both within and beyond academia.



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- Our Graduate Student Life Program addresses issues such as health education and wellness, financial literacy, housing and food security, parenting support, and communitybuilding.
- ➤ The Office for Graduate Diversity promotes a diverse student body by supporting first-generation college students, those who are undocumented, financially challenged, or from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in higher education.
- We provide comprehensive and in-depth teacher training through our Graduate Student Instructor Teaching and Resource Center. Students leave prepared with foundational knowledge of instructional pedagogies.

### **Unsurpassed 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 foster constant collaboration and innovation.



#### Career and Family Support

Whether you will pursue work in or outside academia, we have robust and evolving **professional development services for every stage of your career**. Our family-friendly policies make our graduate experience attainable for all admitted students.



# A Dynamic Alumni Network

Alumni of our master's and doctoral programs include holders of cutting edge patents, founders of world-shaking startup ventures and social initiatives, and — as recently as 2018 — **recipients of the Nobel Prize and MacArthur "Genius" awards**, to name a few. UC Berkeley's total alumni network exceeds 520,000.

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# 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, who represent **106 countries and all 50 U.S. states**, 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.



#### A Location Like No Other

With California's sunshine and the Bay Area's Mediterranean climate, Berkeley weather is comfortable year round. Here you can find 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.



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