

Date: December 21, 2018

To: Deans, Department and Group Chairs, Graduate Advisers, Chairs of Graduate Admission Committees, Equity Advisers, Graduate Student Affairs Officers

From: Oscar Dubón, Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion;  
Fiona M. Doyle, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate Division

Re: **Follow up to Oct 9, 2018 memo about funding for Undocumented Grad Students Comprehensive**

This memo is a follow up to the memo sent on October 9 sharing UC Berkeley's campus policies for funding undocumented graduate students (as well as the recommendation for flexibility concerning GSI requirements and campus resources).

It was brought to our attention that the memo of October 9 was interpreted as the Office of the Dean of the Graduate Division and the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion's message to discourage graduate programs from admitting prospective undocumented graduate students. To the contrary, we value strongly our undocumented graduate students and write to you in affirmation of UC Berkeley's unequivocal commitment to and support of the undocumented graduate student community – support that includes ensuring adequate financial support. Consistent with this commitment, we encourage you to continue to give promising, undocumented graduate applicants your highest consideration for admission.

The October 9 memo contained information regarding how funding can be applied to support undocumented graduate students who are eligible for campus funding opportunities. We continue looking for creative ways to support this intensely targeted, vulnerable community and will keep you informed of developments in this area. For now, we share some additional resources:

- *If you have questions about graduate student funding in general or require further clarification of the funding grid presented in the prior memo, please contact Solomon Lefler at [lefler@berkeley.edu](mailto:lefler@berkeley.edu) in Graduate Division;*
- *Because funding eligibility depends on the specific status of a student, if you are uncertain about funding for a specific student, including the use of unrestricted gifts, and potential policy ramifications, we recommend that you contact David Robinson at [dmrobinson@berkeley.edu](mailto:dmrobinson@berkeley.edu), Chief Campus Counsel;*
- *If you have questions related specifically to undocumented graduate students and the resources available to them, please contact the Graduate Student Specialist, Kirin Rajagopalan at [kRaj@berkeley.edu](mailto:kRaj@berkeley.edu) in the Office for Graduate Diversity;*
- *About the undocumented student community in general, please contact Liliana Iglesias at [liglesias@berkeley.edu](mailto:liglesias@berkeley.edu), Director, Undocumented Student Program.*

In closing, we value our undocumented graduate students—both current and prospective—who enrich the university through their scholarship and contributions to campus life. *As we head into the heart of the admissions season, please do not be discouraged from giving full consideration to applicants based on immigration status.*

*Thank you for your advocacy for and commitment to undocumented graduate applicants even as you explore ways to support them financially.*