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WELCOME TO OUR WORKSHOP

This session will start in a few moments.

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2022 Graduate Admissions Open House
UCSB Graduate Program Informational Session

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AGENDA

- I. Introduction
- II. Virtual Campus Tour
- III. UCSB Graduate Division and Application Workshop
- IV. Graduate Division Student Resources
- V. Diversity Initiatives
- VI. Student Perspectives
- VII. Farewell



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INTRODUCTION

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VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR



CHEADLE HALL



Cheadle Hall

Main Administration
Graduate Division Office on the 3rd Floor



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UCSB GRADUATE DIVISION AND APPLICATION WORKSHOP

WHO WE ARE

The UCSB Graduate Division provides essential services, resources and support for nearly 3,000 graduate students on campus.

We are the gateway for graduate education programs, collaboration, and opportunities at UCSB.

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Academic Services

Financial Support

Professional Development

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WHY

GRADUATE

SCHOOL?

PERSONAL GROWTH

Intellectual curiosity? Passion for the field?

CAREER ADVANCEMENT AND GOALS

What do you want to accomplish?

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Do you seek recognition and credibility in your field?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Time and school commitment?

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

Financial commitment?

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RESEARCHING GRADUATE STUDIES POINTS TO CONSIDER

Master's Degree, Doctorate, Professional Credentials
Emphasis or Specialization ("Subfields")

Training: Theoretical Research or Applied Research

Faculty: Research, Reputation, Ranking

Resources and Services for Graduate Students

Costs and Living Expenses





PREPARING YOUR GRADUATE APPLICATION

- Research Programs & Requirements
- Summer Research Projects or Internships
- Network with Faculty or Current Students
- Schedule and Register for Required Exams
- Attend Graduate Fairs and/or Conferences
- Identify Financial Assistance & Fellowships
- Prepare Application Materials & Essays

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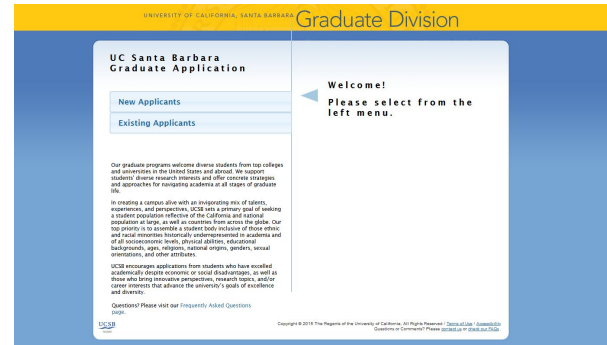
APPLYING TO UC SANTA BARBARA:
REQUIREMENTS AND TIMELINE

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION

UCSB Graduate Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor's Degree OR Equivalent from an Accredited University
- At least a 3.0/B average in undergraduate coursework

You can apply online at: graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp



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UCSB Graduate Admission Requirements

TO BE
CONSIDERED
FOR ADMISSION

- Online Application & Application Fee (Fee Waivers)
- Statement of Purpose
- Personal History and Diversity Statement
- Resume/CV
- Official GRE Scores if required by your program; GMAT may substitute for Technology Management Program; Most departments do not require the GRE
- Official TOEFL OR IELTS Scores (If Applicable)
- Transcripts from all post-secondary schools
- Any materials required by department (supplemental form, writing sample, etc.)

GENERAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

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August to September

- Graduate Application Opens
- Take and submit exam and transcripts to designated schools
- Complete application materials: essays, resume, recommendation letters

November to February

Department and program deadlines will vary (priority, financial, etc.)

January to March Application review, financial offers, decision notifications

March to May Admission processing and notification continues, interviews

April 15 Student response deadline for financial offers

May to June Final admission decisions

June 15 Final deadline to submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)

August to September Start of School + Graduate Student Orientation

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Give a brief statement outlining your reasons for undertaking a graduate program, your particular area of specialization within the major field, your past academic work, and your plans for future occupation or profession. Also include any additional information that may assist the selection committee in evaluating your preparation and aptitude for graduate study at UC Santa Barbara.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Prompt Highlights

- Why are you pursuing graduate study?
- What are inspired to research?
- What prepares you for this research endeavor?
- Do you have other experiences and skills that helps prepare you for graduate study?
- How do you plan to put your graduate research to use?
- What makes you a good fit for this particular graduate program?

PERSONAL HISTORY AND DIVERSITY STATEMENT

UC Santa Barbara is interested in a diverse and inclusive graduate student population. Please describe any aspects of your personal background, accomplishments, or achievements that you feel are important in evaluating your application for graduate study. For example, please describe if you have experienced economic challenges in achieving higher education, such as being financially responsible for family members or dependents, having to work significant hours during undergraduate schooling or coming from a family background of limited income. Please describe if you have any unusual or varied life experiences that might contribute to the diversity of the graduate group, such as fluency in other languages, experience living in bi-cultural communities, academic research interests focusing on cultural, societal, or educational problems as they affect underserved segments of society, or evidence of an intention to use the graduate degree toward serving disadvantaged individuals or populations.

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PERSONAL HISTORY AND DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Prompt Highlights

- Accomplishments that illustrate your capacity to succeed at graduate study
- Unique skills/experiences that may help you contribute to your field and the campus community
- Challenges you had to overcome in order to have the opportunity to obtain your education
- Unique life experiences
- Research goals that may address problems particular to disadvantaged communities

Note: Department may have specific questions for applicants to answer

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RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

THREE LETTERS OF
RECOMMENDATION
ARE REQUIRED.

You will be asked to provide:

- Recommender's name
- Recommender's email address
- Current institution or affiliation

Recommenders will receive instructions for completing and uploading the letter to your application.



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RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

LETTER TIPS

- Select recommenders who know your intellectual ability and who can comment on your aptitude for research
- Give at least 6 weeks in advance of the deadline and communicate specific instructions for submitting the letter
- Provide a draft of your Statement of Purpose, Resume/CV, unofficial transcripts, and copy of papers or assignments

FUNDING FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

FINANCIAL AID

- Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- Direct PLUS Loans
- Work Study

EMPLOYMENT*

- Teaching Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Center for Science and Engineering Partnerships

FELLOWSHIP*

- Central (From Universities)
- Extramural (From Outside Agencies)
- Racial Justice Fellowship

* These “typically” cover your tuition/fees, health insurance and salary/stipend.



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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS & TRANSCRIPTS

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Writing Sample
- Departmental Questionnaire

TRANSCRIPTS

- You are required to upload an official transcript created by your university for all post-secondary institutions you have attended
- Do not send final/official transcripts to Graduate Division until you are admitted and decide to attend UCSB

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GRADUATE DIVISION STUDENT RESOURCES

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Graduate Student Resource Center

- Graduate Student Career Advisor
 - Academic, Professional and Technical Graduate Writing Development Director
 - Funding Peer Advisor
 - Career Peer Advisor
 - International Peer Advisor
 - Diversity Peer Advisor
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- **RYAN SIMS**
Associate Director of Graduate Academic Services
 - **OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLARS**
 - **DREAMS SCHOLARS/UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SERVICES**
 - **OFFICE OF BLACK STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

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Cultural Centers

- American Indian Cultural Resources Center
- African dIASPORIC Cultural Center
- Chicanx/Latinx Cultural Resource Center
- Middle Eastern Resource Center
- Asian Resource Center



Affinity Groups

- Graduate Student Association
- Black Graduate Student Association
- Queer and Trans Graduate Student Union
- Graduate Students for Diversity in Science
- International Student Association
- Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE)
- Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
- Non-Traditional Students Group



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GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING

- SAN CLEMENTE VILLAGES
- FAMILY STUDENT HOUSING
- COMMUNITY HOUSING OFFICE

For more information www.housing.ucsb.edu



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ONLINE RESOURCES

Graduate Division

graddiv.ucsb.edu

Graduate Electronic Application (E-APP)

graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp

Department Requirements, Deadlines and Contacts

graddiv.ucsb.edu/departments

Graduate Student Resource Center: GradPost and Peer Advisors

gradpost.ucsb.edu

Virtual UCSB Campus Tour

admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/campus-visits

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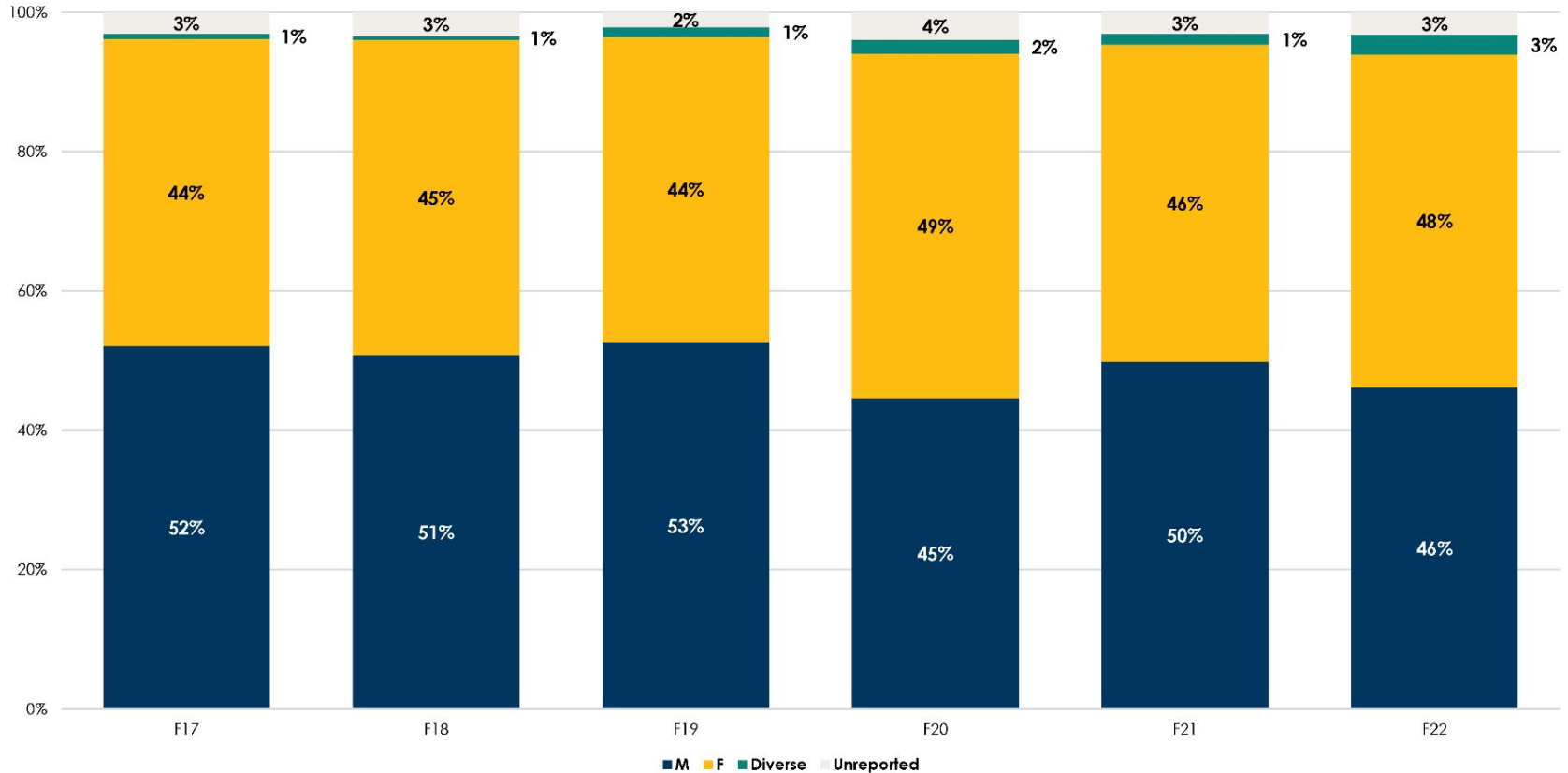


DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

- UCSB Graduate Division is deeply committed to recruiting and supporting a diverse graduate student cohort and to developing scholarship, leadership, and professionalism of graduate students from all backgrounds.
- We recognize that many students, especially those from segments of the population that have not traditionally been represented in the academy, are unfamiliar with graduate education and will benefit from resources that will (1) help them navigate the academy, (2) acquaint them with academic culture, and (3) support their success and development into career professionals.

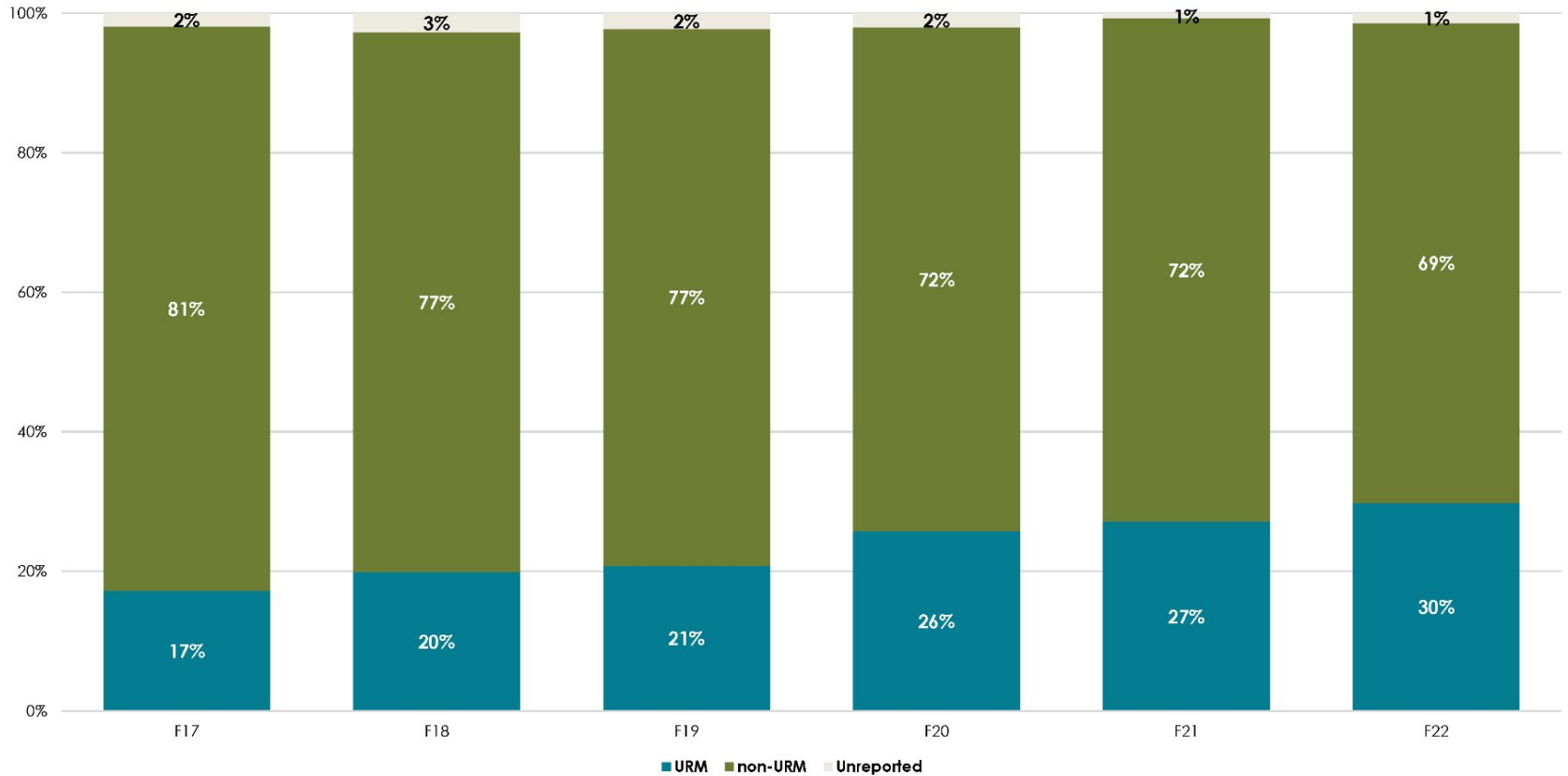
2017–2022 SIRs
(Gender)



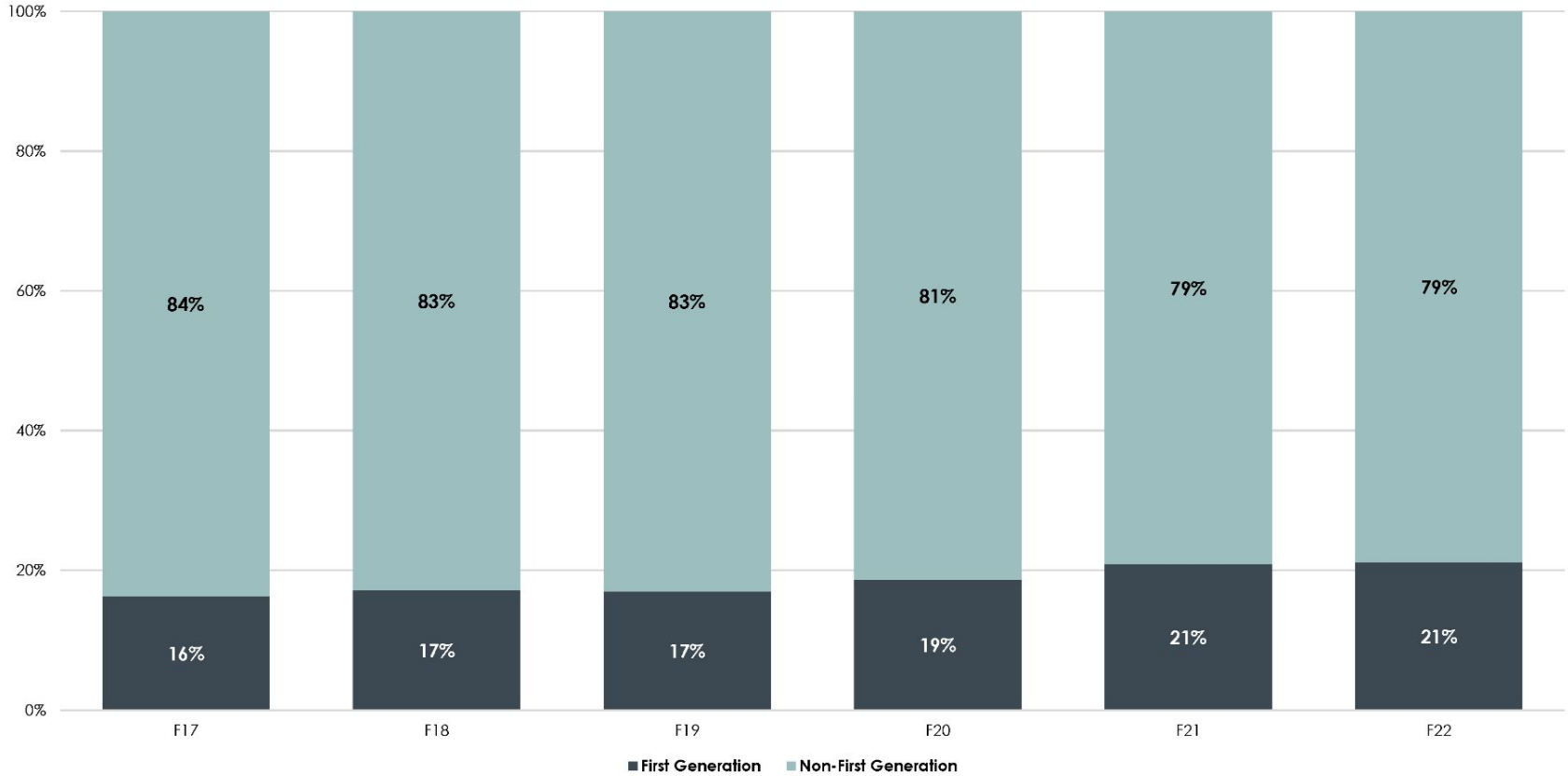
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2017–2022 SIRs
(Domestic Students: URM)



2017–2022 SIRs
(First Generation)



GRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Graduate Scholars Program



Navigating the Academy
The UC Santa Barbara Graduate Scholars Program (GSP) is designed to help first- and second-year doctoral students navigate and thrive in the academy. The program provides support and tools for success to domestic doctoral students from populations that are historically underrepresented in the academy.

They include underrepresented minorities, first-generation college students, students who identify as LGBTQ+, females in departments with less than 25 percent female enrollment, graduate students who are parents, veterans, students with disabilities, or any other students from non-traditional backgrounds.

Mentorship
The foundation of the Graduate Scholars Program are the "mentoring families," groups that match three first-year students (Scholars) with an advanced doctoral student mentor. The families meet monthly throughout the Scholars' first year.

Professional development & resources
Graduate Scholars have direct access to academic and professional development activities throughout the year. These workshops, panels, and resources provide opportunities to meet and learn from distinguished faculty, UCSB alumni, and Graduate Division staff. Themes focus on writing, funding, navigating graduate school, and time management.

Building a supportive network
Graduate Scholars are invited to quarterly network development events, which allow them to further extend their network of Scholars, advanced doctoral student mentors, and faculty from across disciplines. The Graduate Scholars Program also supports students-led affinity groups that bring together students with shared identities for academic and social engagement.

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OTHER GRADUATE DIVISION INITIATIVES

NSF AGEP California HSI Alliance A collaboration amongst UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara, CSU Fresno and CSU Channel Islands to diversify STEM education by providing pedagogical training and career mentoring for advanced doctoral students interested in teaching-focused careers at a broad range of colleges and universities.

Exploring and Preparing for the Professoriate Summer funding opportunity through the UC President's Pre-Professoriate Fellowship program. The overall goal is to broaden the professoriate by creating pipelines for students of diverse identities into faculty positions at a broad array of institutions of higher education.

Racial Justice Fellowships For incoming students. Provide recipients \$8,000 in summer funding for three years on top of a five-year package of full funding. Designed to enhance the recruitment of graduate students committed to teaching, research and mentorship around racial justice.



STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

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STUDENT PERSPECTIVES



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Graduate Diversity & Outreach Peer Advisor



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Lecturer, Spanish and Portuguese Languages

PhD, Hispanic Languages and Literature

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IMPORTANT LINKS

UCSB Graduate Division Website

graddiv.ucsb.edu

UC What's Next Guide: Details about Graduate Education at all UC's

ucop.edu/graduate-studies/files/whats-next.pdf

FAQs for Applicants

graddiv.ucsb.edu/how-apply/faqs-applicants

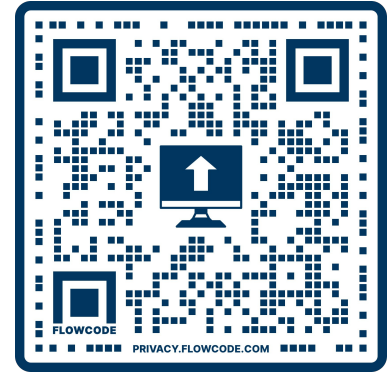
Fee Waiver Information

graddiv.ucsb.edu/how-apply/how-complete-online-application/requesting-application-fee-waiver

UCSB Graduate Departments

graddiv.ucsb.edu/departments

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CAMPUS RESOURCE LINKS

Graduate Student Resource Center

gradpost.ucsb.edu

Student Affairs Departments, Programs and Centers

sa.ucsb.edu/departments/directory

EOP Cultural Centers

tinyurl.com/r7easvz

Office of International Students and Scholars

oiss.ucsb.edu

Graduate Housing

housing.ucsb.edu/current-residents/move-in/graduate-apartments

San Clemente Villages

housing.ucsb.edu/housing-options/options-filter/san-clemente-villages

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MENTORSHIP & INCLUSIVITY AT THE GRADUATE DIVISION

Mentorship and Inclusivity Information


graddiv.ucsb.edu/our-services/mentorship-inclusivity

Graduate Scholars Program

graddiv.ucsb.edu/GSP

Racial Justice Fellowship

graddiv.ucsb.edu/racial-justice-fellowship

A young woman with long brown hair, wearing a black graduation cap and gown with a pink stole, is smiling and speaking into a microphone on a stage. The background is dark, and the foreground is blurred, showing the heads of other graduates in caps and gowns.

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