

Find Your Path at UCSB
Graduate Studies and the Graduate Application Process at UC Santa Barbara



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.

Admissions and Outreach

Academic Services

Financial Support

Professional Development

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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

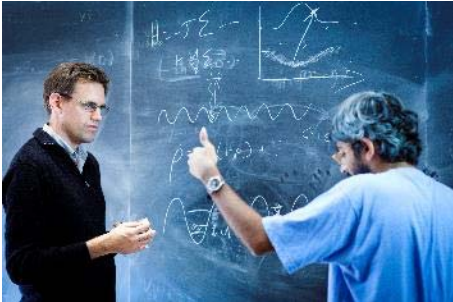
Time and school commitment?

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

Financial commitment?

WHY GRADUATE SCHOOL?

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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

RESEARCHING GRADUATE STUDIES: POINTS TO CONSIDER

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HOW TO GET STARTED

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

PREPARING YOUR GRADUATE APPLICATION

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APPLYING TO UCSB

Requirements and Application Timeline

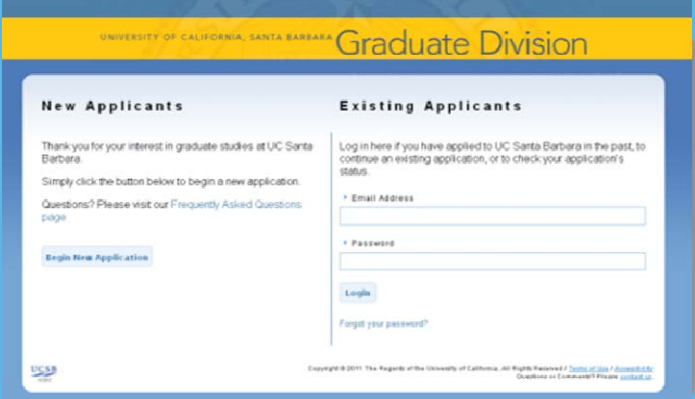
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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION

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:
www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp



The screenshot shows the UC Santa Barbara Graduate Division online application portal. The header includes the university name and the Graduate Division logo. The page is divided into two main sections: 'New Applicants' and 'Existing Applicants'. The 'New Applicants' section includes a welcome message, instructions to click a button to begin a new application, and a link to the Frequently Asked Questions page. The 'Existing Applicants' section includes a login prompt, fields for email address and password, a login button, and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. The footer contains the UCSB logo and copyright information.

UCSB GRADUATE ADMISSION
REQUIREMENTS

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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION

- Online Application & Application Fee
- Statement of Purpose
- Statement of Personal Achievements/Contributions
- Resume/CV
- GRE Scores **OR** GMAT for Technology Management Program **OR** MAT for Teacher Education Program Applicants **AND** no scores required for Art
- TOEFL **OR** IELTS Scores (If Applicable)
- Transcripts from all post-secondary schools
- Any materials required **by department** (subject exam, writing sample, etc.)

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August to September

Graduate Application Open

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 and SIR deadline for financial offers

May to June

Final admission decisions

August to September

START OF SCHOOL + GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

GENERAL APPLICATION TIMELINE

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

additional supplemental documents. Please consult the requirements of the department/program that you are applying to for information on any additional documents that may be requested.

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.

Personal Achievements/Contributions Statement

UC Santa Barbara is interested in a diverse and inclusive graduate student population. Please describe any aspects of your personal

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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?

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS/CONTRIBUTIONS

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Résumé or Curriculum Vitae

List your positions of employment or volunteer work/community service since high school, either full or part-time, including the hours per

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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



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.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

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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, unofficial transcripts, and copy of papers or assignments

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GRADUATE RECORDS EXAMINATION (GRE)

All applicants are required to take the GRE General Test

Exceptions:

- Art applicants do not need to take/submit GRE General Test scores
- TEP applicants can use GRE General Test or Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
- Technology Management applicants can use GRE General Test or GMAT

While there is no minimum score requirement, check with departments/programs on competitive score(s) for admission

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL) OR INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS)

Only required for applicants whose native language is not English

REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS

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EXAM TIPS

Confirm the institution code for ETS
(UCSB GRADUATE INSTITUTION = 4835)

Take exams 6 weeks before application deadline(s) to allow time for transmittal of scores to schools

Most schools use the most current, complete set of test scores.
Applicants may not "mix and match" scores from two different test dates

Check to see if there are scoring requirements or subject-specific tests (e.g. GRE Subject Math)

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FINANCIAL AID

Direct Unsubsidized Loans

Direct PLUS Loans

Work Study

EMPLOYMENT*

Teaching Assistant

Research Assistant

FELLOWSHIP*

Central (From Universities)

Extramural (From Outside Agencies)

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

FUNDING FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

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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**

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS & TRANSCRIPTS

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ONLINE RESOURCES

Graduate Division

www.graddiv.ucsb.edu

Graduate Electronic Application (E-APP)

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Department Requirements, Deadlines and Contacts

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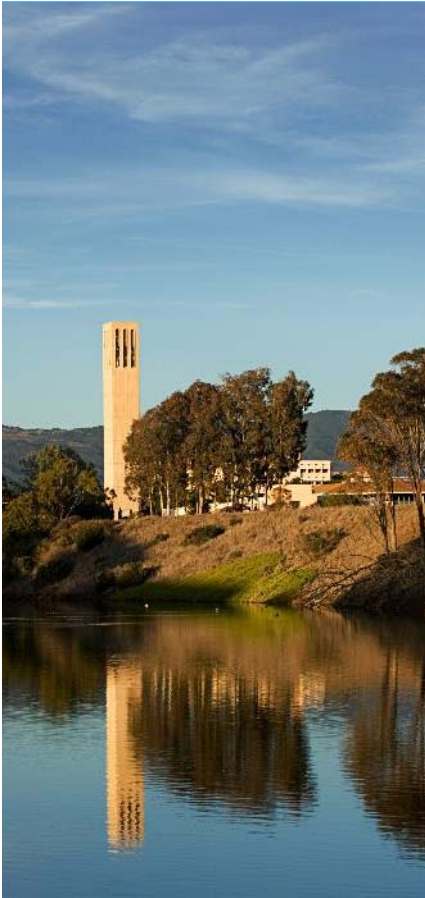
Graduate Student Resource Center

www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/resources

UCSB Grad Post and Peer Advisors

www.gradpost.ucsb.edu

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