Diversity and Outreach

The Graduate Division advocates and works for diversity—in all the varied senses of the word—and recognizes that the inclusion of students with a broad range of backgrounds and perspectives improves both the practice of science and the educational experience for everyone in our programs.

The Graduate Division administers several diversity-oriented initiatives that impact students and scholars at different levels in the academic pipeline: undergraduate students, whom we hope to draw to graduate study at UCSF, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars. The Graduate Division coordinates its diversity efforts with the graduate programs, as well as other departments and campus units such as the Science and Health Education Partnership [1], the Diversity and Outreach Office [2], and UCSF First-Generation to College Support Services [3].

Read more about these Graduate Division programs and activities:

- Summer Research Opportunities [4] for undergraduate students
- NIGMS IMSD Program [5] for graduate students
- Retreat in Community Building [6]

Other Campus Efforts

One of the strongest student/postdoc-led groups on campus is the UCSF chapter of the national organization SACNAS, whose members actively work to increase the participation of underrepresented minorities in science. The Graduate Division encourages students and postdocs who are interested in diversity issues and/or who are seeking to build a greater sense of community for all at UCSF to reach out to this group or attend one of their events. Visit the UCSF SACNAS website [7] for more information or follow these directions [8] to sign up for their listserv.

UCSF welcomes applications for admission from undocumented individuals, such as those who qualify under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals [9] (DACA) and/or AB540 [10]. Please visit the website of the UC Office of the President [11] (UCOP) for more information.

To read more about diversity efforts at UCSF as a whole, visit diversity.ucsf.edu [2]. Also, be sure to see the website of the Multicultural Resource Center [12], founded at UCSF in 2012.