

## Mission

The Graduate Division functions as the institutional home for graduate education and postdoctoral scholarship at UCSF, serves as the primary advocate for graduate students and postdocs, and strives to promote excellence in all graduate and postdoc training programs. To fulfill its mission, the Graduate Division:

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- Articulates the views, needs, and priorities of graduate education within the context of general policy and budget development to ensure that academic goals properly inform campus-wide decision making.
- Promotes and protects the general welfare of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and provides them with access to financial support and academic and career opportunities.
- Encourages timely completion of graduate degrees by monitoring student degree progress, promoting excellence in faculty advising and mentoring, and ensuring fair and equitable treatment of all students.
- Provides central administrative services and facilitates communication among graduate programs to assist programs in functioning smoothly and maintaining the highest of academic standards.
- Collaborates with other campus entities to create and improve services for students and postdocs, particularly in the areas of career development and planning, community-building, and campus infrastructure. Hosts an annual fall building community orientation for new students and a fall celebration to welcome new and returning students, and postdocs.
- Collects and analyzes data about graduate student and postdoc demographics, progression, and career outcomes.
- Enhances access, representation, and the educational experience of underrepresented students, and develops and implements institutional initiatives to expand the pool of qualified applicants to the graduate programs and postdoctoral positions, playing a crucial role in UCSF's plan to diversify the campus community as a whole.
- Works with the Academic Senate's Graduate Council to develop and implement campus and system-wide graduate education policies.
- Works with the Graduate Council to evaluate new degree program initiatives and to periodically assess existing degree programs.
- Confers the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Advanced Studies, Master of Translational Medicine, Doctor of Physical Therapy, and Doctor of Philosophy. Organizes and hosts the annual Graduate Division Commencement Ceremony.

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