The Graduate Assembly Announces Data Visualization Contest on Cost of Attendance

The Graduate Assembly has compiled the Registrar’s fee schedules for graduate academic and professional degree programs at U.C. Berkeley from 1998 to 2018 (data here). To help make the data more accessible, we are soliciting visualizations and are offering two $300 cash prizes:

* Best overall visualization ($300)
* Best professional degree program visualization ($300)

We will announce the winners school-wide and host the best ten entries on the GA website’s upcoming Graduate Finance pages.

Note on data correction:

If you find an error in the data, please send a note to president-ga@berkeley.edu before October 4, 2019. The data will be updated and finalized on October 7, 2019.

Contest rules:

All current UC Berkeley graduate students (academic or professional degree programs) are eligible to enter. Current recipients of GA stipends excluded.

Entries may be in any machine-readable format capable of display online. Charts, graphics, interactive tables, animations, etc. are all welcome. Entries must be based primarily on the Registrar’s fee schedule data, but may also combine data from external sources.

Entries must be submitted under the Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial (CC BY-NC) license version 4.0. Attribution and license should be noted on the entry.

1 This prize is reserved for data visualizations that examine professional degree programs, which are those which pay Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST). NB: currently, the GA does not have complete data for the Self-Sustaining Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs), which are structured very differently.
Entries will be reviewed by the GA Executive Board and judged according to explanatory value, visual impact, and visual accessibility.

Please submit entries to president-ga@berkeley.edu by October 31, 2019.