Greetings Graduate and Professional Students! Welcome to a new academic year and the first GA Delegates Digest of the fall. Read on to learn about upcoming events, important announcements, and information about campus resources.

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Announcements:
- Welcome Remarks for New Graduate and Professional Students
- Meet your new 2019-2020 GA Exec Board!
- Green Bear Commuting Pass Program: 50% Subsidized Carpool Commuter Permits for graduate and professional students - see below for more details!
- The Student Technology Fund (STF) offers grants to fund software licensing and student technology projects - apply today!
- GA is seeking a graduate student for Student Case Manager position (paid) for the coming academic year

Upcoming Events:
Submit your upcoming event to the next Delegates Digest by filling out the submission form
- Latinx Association of Graduate Students in Engineering and Sciences (LAGSES)
  - First General Body Meeting - Sep. 3rd, 6:30pm, Soda Hall 405
  - Semester Kick-Off Event - Sep. 18th, 5:30pm, Pat Brown’s Cafe Lawn
- GA New Delegate Training - Sep. 5th, 5:00pm, ASUC Senate Chambers
- Grad Mapping Workshop 1: Self Assess & Explore Options - Sep. 5th, 2:30pm, 309 Sproul Hall
- Graduate Women of Engineering (GWE)
  - Welcome Back Ice Cream Social - Sep. 6th, 12:00pm, Tan Hall 775A
- Gender Equity Resource Center (GenEq)
  - Womxn’s CommUNITY Dinner - Sep. 13th, 4:30pm, 220 MLK Jr Student Union
- For a full list of events, check out the GA Events Calendar

Get Involved!
- Become a Graduate Assembly Delegate and help us to improve graduate student life!
- Campus committee representatives needed!
- CALPIRG: UC Berkeley’s premier student public interest activism group
Science Policy Group at Berkeley: Graduate students focused on the intersection of science and policy

Additional Resources:
- Gender Equity Resource Center (GenEq)
- Need funding for your student organization? Learn more about GA funding opportunities

Get Connected!
- Submit to the Delegates Digest by filling out the submission form
- Follow the GA on Facebook and Twitter
- Learn more about GA projects, resources, and funding opportunities for graduate students.

Announcements

Green Bear Commuting Pass Program: Subsidized Carpool Commuter Permits
Carpool Commuter Permits will be 50% subsidized for low income graduate or professional students on a first come first serve basis. This program was established through partnership with the Educational Opportunity Program, Berkeley Parking & Transportation, Graduate Assembly, and ASUC Office of Senator Le. To receive a subsidized carpool parking permit, complete the following steps:

1. Eligibility: Check if you are eligible for a carpool permit.
2. Low-income Verification: Fill out the Google Form. After submission, wait five to seven days for an email response from a Graduate Assembly Staff Member.
3. Obtain Carpool Permit: If you do not have one, find a carpool partner. Go to the Parking and Transportation Building (1995 University Ave. #110) with your carpool partner (doesn’t have to be in this program) with the necessary materials and state you are a participant in the Green Bear Commuting Pass Program.
4. Completion: Complete the remaining carpool requirements.

Student Technology Fund - Grant applications now open!
The Student Technology Fund (STF) is comprised of the fees that undergraduate, graduate, and professional students pay into. It uses these fees to fund software licensing and the funding pool for three grant cycles per year. The grants are available to all members of the Cal community and can fund a wide range of project categories:
- Apps & Software Development
- Commercial Software Licensing
- Equipment Acquisition
- Investigative & Planning Projects
- Technology Events
- Training, Support & Access to Technology

The first grant cycle ($5000 or less) is now open and applications are due on Oct. 7th. Go to the STF website for more information and apply today!
GA is hiring a Student Case Manager
The GA Vice President for Equity and Inclusion (VPEI) and the Student Advocate’s Office (SAO) is looking to hire a GA Student Case Manager. The Case Manager will primarily support the SAO Divisions with select graduate-student case work, support the VPEI and Student Advocate on campus-level policy advocacy, and assist in managing the GA Student Opportunity and Success Fund. The position tenure is from Sep. 1, 2019 to May 15, 2019 and includes a $1,000 per month stipend. The full job description and instructions to apply can be found here.

Get Involved!

Become a Graduate Assembly Delegate
Do you want to meet graduate and professional students from across campus and work together to build a more vibrant and inclusive graduate student community? Do you want to engage with faculty and administrators to ensure that graduate student voices are heard and empowered? Then head to the GA website to learn more about how to become a Delegate. Delegate Assembly meetings are at 5:30pm on the first Thursday of every month, with the exception of the first meeting on September 12th. New Delegate Training will be held on September 5th at 5:00pm in the ASUC Senate Chambers.

Join a Campus Committee
Whether you are passionate about academic planning, healthcare, diversity, or athletics, there is a campus committee for you! Graduate and professional student representation on these committees is vital to ensuring that our needs are accounted for in important campus decisions. For more information, check out the list of available committees and fill out the Campus Committee Interest Survey.

Volunteer or intern with CALPIRG
CALPIRG is a statewide student-directed and student-funded organization. For over 45 years we’ve worked to protect our environment and fight climate change, address food insecurity, and help students vote. This semester our main priority is to protect our oceans and reduce plastic pollution by banning single use plastics on the UC Berkeley campus and in the state of California. However, we are also running campaigns to tackle food insecurity, save the bees, work towards 100% renewable energy, and register students to vote. Go to the CALPIRG website to see a full list of campaigns for this year.

Join the Science Policy Group at Berkeley
The Science Policy Group at Berkeley is a group of mostly STEM graduate students who are excited about the intersection of science and public policy. We work to raise policy literacy among scientists, improve communication skills, and provide opportunities for career development. Join us for guest speakers, workshops, advocacy trips, and our many other projects! For more information, join the Science Policy Group listserv and connect on Twitter.
Additional Resources

Gender Equity Resource Center
The Gender Equity Resource Center, fondly referred to as GenEq, is a UC Berkeley campus community center committed to fostering an inclusive Cal experience for all. GenEq is the campus location where students, faculty, staff and alumni connect for resources, services, education and leadership programs related to gender and sexuality. To learn more, visit the GenEq website or sign up to join GenEq’s listserv to receive weekly newsletters on events and opportunities.

The GA Delegates Digest is brought to you by the GA Communications Team: Alanna Cooney (GA Communications Director), Liz Lawler (GA Internal VP), and Adam Orford (GA President).

To submit to the Delegates Digest, please submit your information using this form by Wednesday at 5:00pm for consideration in Monday’s digest.

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