Greetings Graduate and Professional Students! It’s officially fall! Whether you’re preparing for midterms, finishing up fellowship applications, or trying to complete that pesky dissertation, we are here to remind you to never stop be-leafing in yourself! Read on to learn about important campus information that you really autumn know...

This is the last Digest that will be sent to you through your GSAO! Stay up to date and receive future Delegates Digests by joining the GA mailing list.

Announcements:
○ Would you like to win $300 and immense prestige? Enter the Graduate Assembly’s Data Visualization Contest on Berkeley’s Cost of Attendance data. Submit entries by Oct. 31st.
○ Apply for funding (up to $1000) through the GA’s Queer and Trans Advocacy Project to fund events centering diversity of sexual orientation and/or gender. Read on to learn more!
○ Did you know you might be eligible to use the Health Opportunity Fund (HOF) to pay for services and prescriptions at the Tang Center (up to $130 per eligible student)? Read on to learn more!
○ The first GA Delegates Assembly Meeting was held on Sep. 12th - see the GA Press Release for a recap of the meeting.

Upcoming Events:
○ Game Night - Hosted by the Graduate Social Club (GSC)
  ○ Oct. 2nd at 7pm, 444 Eshleman Hall (Facebook event, hCal event)
○ Empowering Womxn of Color Open Mic - Hosted by Womxn of Color Initiative (WOCI)
  ○ Oct. 3rd at 7:30pm, La Peña Cultural Center (Facebook event, bCal event)
○ October Delegates Meeting - The Graduate Assembly (GA)
  ○ Oct. 3rd at 5:30pm, Senate Chamber, Eshleman Hall (bCal event)
○ How to Write an Academic Grant Proposal - Hosted by the Graduate Writing Center
  ○ Oct. 4th at 1pm, 309 Sproul Hall - Registration required
○ De-stress Your Grad Experience Meditation Series - Hosted by Graduate Student Wellness Project (GSWP)
  ○ Oct. 8th at 6pm, Anthony Hall (hCal event)
○ The Body-Pos Series for Femmes of Color: Yoga Edition - Hosted by Women of Color Initiative (WOCI), Graduate Minority Student Project (GMSP), and Graduate Women's Project (GWP)
  ○ Oct. 9th at 5:30pm - RSVP required (Facebook event, bCal event)
○ Monthly Happy Hour - Hosted by the Graduate Social Club (GSC)
*Oct. 10th at 5pm, Raleigh's  [Facebook event, bCal event]*

For a full list of events, check out the [GA Events Calendar](#).

Submit your upcoming event to the next Delegates Digest by filling out the [submission form](#).

**Get Involved!**

- The Queer and Transgender Advocacy Project ([QTAP](#)) seeks to improve the lives and experiences of queer and gender-diverse graduate students at UC Berkeley.
- The Graduate Assembly is hiring graduate and professional students for paid positions - see the [GA website](#) for more information.
- The UC Office of the President is seeking student ambassadors through the UC Advocacy Network (UCAN). Ambassadors work to build public and legislative support for UC - [apply today!](#)
- Apply to be a part of [Lean LaunchPad](#), Berkeley’s capstone entrepreneurship class - [applications](#) due Oct. 25th.

**Additional Resources:**

- Grant application deadlines are approaching for the [Wellness Fund](#) (Oct. 6), [Student Technology Fund](#) (Oct. 7), and the [Green Initiative Fund](#) (Oct. 25).
- Applications for the UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program are now open - [learn more](#)
- 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.

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**Announcements**

**Graduate Assembly Data Visualization Contest**

The Graduate Assembly is seeking entries for its [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. To help make the data more accessible, we are soliciting visualizations and offering **two $300 cash prizes**:

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

The winners will be announced school-wide and the best ten entries will be hosted on the GA website. See the GA [Press Release](#) for more information and submit your entry by **October 31st**.

**Apply for funding from the Graduate Assembly’s Queer and Trans Advocacy Project**

Are you or someone you know organizing an event centering diversity of sexual orientation and/or gender? Does the event have a cross-departmental audience (or beyond)? Would up to $1000 in funding
be helpful? Then fill out this form to apply for funding from the Graduate Assembly's Queer and Trans Advocacy Project (QTAP)! There are no deadlines and the funding cycle is continuous. For more information, email the QTAP Project Director at qtap-ga@berkeley.edu.

Health Opportunity Fund
Did you know you might be eligible to use the Health Opportunity Fund (HOF) to help pay for services and prescriptions at the Tang Center? These funds (currently up to $130 per eligible student) can be used for any services at the Tang Center, including pharmacy prescription and over-the-counter items (but excluding Tang Optometry Clinic). HOF is available to the following students:
- Pell Grant and Dream Aid recipients
- Graduate students who have filed a FAFSA for the current year and have Pell Grant equivalent eligibility
- Actively registered students in the Disabled Students Program (DSP)
To learn more on how to use these funds, go to the HOF website.

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Queer and Transgender Advocacy Project
The Queer and Transgender Advocacy Project (QTAP) seeks to improve the lives and experiences of queer and gender-diverse graduate students at UC Berkeley. QTAP works closely with other Graduate Assembly projects to initiate outreach targeting graduate queer and gender-diverse students at UC Berkeley. Additionally, the QTAP Project Director serves as an advocate for queer and gender-diverse graduate students, addressing specific needs and concerns of the community to ensure their success in higher education and beyond. The project goals for the semester include:
- Create safer spaces for queer and gender diverse student communities, social or otherwise
- Support professional development and speaker events at the department and campus level for queer and gender-diverse students
- Improve standards for sexual orientation and gender identity data gathering and better track and improve outcomes for marginalized students
Learn more by following QTAP on Facebook or reaching out to the QTAP Project Director, Ari Chivukula, at qtap-ga@berkeley.edu

Become a UC Advocacy Network Student Ambassador
The UC Office of the President is seeking student ambassadors to engage more students in advocacy through the UC Advocacy Network (UCAN). The UC Advocacy Network (UCAN) is a vibrant community that works to build public and legislative support for UC to help ensure that state and federal legislators prioritize funding and advance beneficial policies for UC and its students. From pressing lawmakers for more financial aid and increased mental health services, to securing more money to update classrooms and labs, ambassadors play a major role in shaping policies that directly impact students. Ambassadors will gain resume-building experience in public affairs and civic engagement, learn how UC advances its policies, and get the chance to meet directly with legislators and/or legislative staff.
Applications are open until **October 20th** - **apply today**!

**Spring 2020 Lean LaunchPad Course**
Are you interested in a real world, hands-on experience designed to turn hackers, hustlers, and designers into entrepreneurs? Interested in a course designed to turn great ideas into great companies? Lean LaunchPad is the capstone entrepreneurship class at Berkeley. It is team-based and requires teams to apply in the Fall to be able to enroll in the Spring. See the [LLP 2020 Flyer](#) for more information.

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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