message from the vice provost and dean

Few people understand how essential graduate students are to the success of a preeminent research university. To put it simply, they are the lifeblood of discovery and innovation at UC Davis.

Graduate students play a key role in enriching the undergraduate experience at UC Davis. Every day, graduate students are teaching and mentoring the nearly 30,000 undergraduate on our campus and preparing them to be productive and knowledgeable members of society.

We serve over 7000 graduate students across 99 different master’s and doctoral degree programs, and many of these students are already being praised for their contributions to research in their respective academic fields.

For over fifty years, UC Davis Graduate Studies has been committed to the development and administration of a wide variety of programs and initiatives that support the success of our graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and faculty. Each year, our graduate education community keeps giving us new reasons to feel proud - far too many to quantify in this short publication.

The following pages provide a glimpse of some of our most significant statistics, accomplishments and activities from the last academic year. I’m certain that after reading it, you too will feel a sense of pride.

In 2016, Graduate Studies embarked on a strategic planning process to guide the department’s activities and growth over the next three years. Explore Envisioning Excellence, Graduate Studies’ strategic plan, at grad.ucdavis.edu/envisioningexcellence.
admissions and enrollment

UC Davis graduate and professional programs received 22,614 applications for fall 2017 enrollment.

UC Davis graduate and professional programs received applications from 52 U.S. states/territories and 97 countries for fall 2017 enrollment.

23% of applicants to UC Davis graduate and professional programs were offered admission (2016).

7,413 graduate and professional students were enrolled at UC Davis in Fall 2016.

68% in doctoral degree programs
29% in master's degree programs
3% pursuing credential or course work only

#1 college for women in STEM (Forbes, 2016)

40+ graduate recruitment fairs attended by Graduate Studies staff each year.

Graduate and professional enrollment by ethnicity:
- White/Caucasian: 44%
- Asian: 17%
- Hispanic: 10%
- International: 22%
- Pacific Islander: <1%
- Other: 3%
- Black/African-American: 3%
- Native American: 1%

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Graduate Studies awards more than $40 Million in fellowships annually.

88% of graduate students receive some form of financial support.

UC Davis has 139 active National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows (2017).

**Student Support Highlights**

Top fellowships awarded to graduate students in 2017-2018 (by number of students)

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professional development and mentorship

UC Davis Graduate Studies facilitated the development of over

185
professional development events and workshops for graduate and professional students and postdoctoral scholars in 2016-2017 through GradPathways

7,650
graduate students and postdoctoral scholars participated in professional development activities in 2016-2017

GradPathways focuses on 8 essential core competencies:

- Success/Socialization
- Writing and Publishing
- Presentation Skills
- Teaching and Mentoring
- Leadership and Management
- Scholarly Integrity and Professionalism
- Career Exploration and Networking
- Wellness and Life Balance

UC Davis Graduate Studies awards

$50,000
in mentoring fellowships each year through the Mentoring at Critical Transitions Wakeham Fellowship Program

Over

100
UC Davis faculty participated in a Mentoring at Critical Transitions seminar in 2016-2017

More than

80
UC Davis graduate students applied to participate in the 2017 UC Davis Grad Slam competition

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degree attainment and outcomes

1,151
academic graduate degrees conferred in the 2016-2017 academic year

5.73 years
median time to complete a doctoral degree for 2016-2017 UC Davis academic graduates

#1
nationally for number of biological and biomedical doctorates earned by underrepresented minorities

$104,533
average annual salary of individuals with a Ph.D. from UC Davis (payscale.com, 2017)
In 2017, UC Davis employed 1,084 postdoctoral scholars across the Davis, Sacramento, Bodega Bay and Lake Tahoe campuses.

postdoctoral scholars

departments with the most postdoctoral appointments (FY 2017)

- Plant Sciences: 5.6%
- Biomedical Engineering: 4.5%
- Plant Pathology: 3.8%
- Physics: 3.2%
- Medicine: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: 3.1%
- Genome Center: 3.0%

FACTS & FIGURES, 2018
A gift to Graduate Studies is more than just a show of goodwill. It’s an investment in the future of our students, our research and our world economy.

Graduate Studies serves over 7,000 graduate students across 99 different master’s and doctoral degree programs. Gifts to Graduate Studies can provide valuable support to students in individuals schools, special programs or broad disciplines of study. Each and every gift makes a significant and appreciated impact on the lives, research and careers of our graduate students.

Support of graduate education at UC Davis helps us to attract the very best students, provide them with new advanced degree opportunities, foster a supportive and stimulating environment for their intellectual and professional growth, and recognize and honor their achievements.

The future of graduate education at UC Davis will be defined by Graduate Studies’ ability to serve and support an ever-changing population of talented graduate and postdoctoral scholars. As the university enters a new era, Graduate Studies is developing new and impactful ways to support graduate academic excellence. The redevelopment of our Graduate Center, the launch of new academic and professional development programs, and the expansion of our existing financial support are made possible by partners, alumni and friends from around the world.

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25+ naming opportunities in the new Graduate Center

Countless ways to support the graduate student community at UC Davis

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