What can first-year students expect in the Earth & Planetary Sciences Graduate Program?

Our research program is one of the premier in the nation. Students can expect to fully participate in research from their first class at UCSC, in addition to taking courses that emphasize breadth and depth in the discipline.

What type of support do first-year graduate students in your program receive?
Sources of support include: fellowships (based on both merit and need), research assistantships (generally associated with competitive grants secured by faculty, researchers, and students), and teaching assistantships (during which graduate students collaborate with faculty and lecturers to run courses, discussion sections, and/or labs). The department can also nominate students for university fellowships, such as the Cota-Robles and the Chancellor’s Fellowships, upon admission to the program.

What salary (on top of tuition and fees) do first-year Graduate Student Researchers in your program earn?
Our pre-candidacy GSRs are paid at step 5, a $6,532 stipend per quarter. Our post-candidacy stipends are at step 6, which pays a $6,837 stipend per quarter. Summer funding is often available.

When are graduate applications due for your program?
January 5th.

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Terrence Blackburn Geochronology, crustal evolution, cosmochemistry
Emily E. Brodsky Earthquakes, volcanoes, fluid flow in fractured media
Matthew E. Clapham Paleobiology, geobiology
Patrick Y. Chuang Clouds, aerosols, and climate
Jeff Cuzzi (Lecturer) Ring dynamics and planetsimal formation
Nicole Feldl Atmospheric science, meteorology, climate change
Noah J. Finnegan Geomorphology, active tectonics
Andrew T. Fisher Hydrogeology, crustal studies, coupled flows, modeling
Ian Garrick-Bethell Planetary interiors, paleomagnetism
Gary B. Griggs Coastal processes, hazards and engineering
Jeremy K. Hourigan Thermochronology, structural geology and tectonics
Elise Knittle Mineral physics, experimental geophysics
Paul L. Koch Isotope geochemistry, paleontology, and ecology
Thorne Lay Seismology, geophysics
Francis Nimmo Icy satellites, accretion, Mars, planetary geophysics
Adina Paytan (Lecturer) Biogeochemistry, paleoceanography, environmental and aquatic chemistry
David Rubin (Lecturer) Fluvial and planetary geomorphology, sedimentary geology
Hilde Schwartz (Senior Lecturer) Vertebrate paleontology, environmental geology, paleoecology, chemosynthetic ecosystems
Susan Y. Schwartz Seismology, geophysics, active tectonics
Myriam Telus Meteoritics, isotope geochemistry, planetary science
Slawek Tulaczyk Glaciology and glacial geology, soil mechanics
Quentin Williams Mineral physics, tectonophysics, experimental geochemistry
Ru-Shan Wu (Lecturer) Seismology, geophysics, wave propagation and subsurface imaging
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