What can the UCSC Graduate Student Association do for you?

- We are the graduate student voice for issues including housing, food insecurity, funding, public transportation, parking, sexual assault and harassment, diversity and representation, campus child care, and grad student growth.
- Our Grad Council meets twice a month to hear from graduate students.
- Our Executive Board makes recommendations directly to campus and UC administrators.
- We place grad student representatives on key campus committees to represent grad student needs.
- We are part of the UC Student Association and send reps to statewide assemblies such as UC Student Lobby Day.
- Our Solidarity Committee supports grads from historically underrepresented and marginalized communities, and we are working with the International Student committee.
- We give grads money!!! We offer travel grants and funds that support grad student events and programs on campus.

FOR MORE INFO: GSA.UCSC.EDU or GSAINFO@UCSC.EDU or 831-459-2722

Meetings are 1st and 3rd Weds. of the month, 5 - 6:30 pm in the Graduate Student Commons
What has the UCSC Graduate Student Association done for grads?

- Last year, awarded $45,000 in travel grants, and over $5,000 for grad student events and programming
- Advocated for grad students. For example: grad student parents when summer child care was cut; against hikes in grad student parking fees
- Surveyed grad students on sexual assault and sexual harassment and worked with the Title IX office to understand how these issues uniquely affect grad students. Title IX now offers in person trainings for grad students and emphasizes resources for students affected.
- Hosted Solidarity Orientation for grads from historically marginalized communities
- Support for the International Grad Student Committee
- Worked with Graduate Division on standardizing and clarifying the language of financial aid offers
- Helped to create Graduate Student Research positions (for ex. Office of Diversity and Inclusion position)
- Lobbied for grad student support in the state legislature
Travel Grants

GSA Travel Grants are awarded to assist students who travel to perform research or attend conferences related to their graduate projects. This also may include thesis related travel to workshops and programs. The maximum award is $500 per applicant per academic year. Students receiving funding from another source (such as an advisor, department, or grant) may be offered an award that is less than the maximum. Students Travel must be completed before applying and must have occurred within the last two years. You may only apply after all travel has been completed.

Deadlines for submitting applications to the front desk of the GSC or via Intercampus mail are as follows:

- Fall 2016: TBA
- Winter 2017: TBA
- Spring 2017: TBA

Late travel grants will absolutely not be accepted.

Applications are processed at the end of each quarter. You will receive an email notification about the status of your application during finals week. If you have received an award, please allow 4 weeks for your check to arrive.

Please complete all forms in pen. All forms must be printed single-sided. Incomplete applications will not be eligible and will be returned. They may be resubmitted for the next quarterly deadline when completed. Please closely read see our detailed application instructions and FAQs to avoid common errors.
Department (or board) Representatives are the voice of their departments on the GSA Council and take part in decisions on discretionary funding, GSA resolutions, and committee work.

Department Representatives are elected for a year long term. Is your department represented? If not, contact the GSA for more information.

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