The Graduate Assembly is the official representative body of graduate and professional students at the University of California, Berkeley. The fundamental principles of the Graduate Assembly (the GA) are the promotion of a vibrant student social life, inclusiveness, progressive activism, community service, educational improvement, and professional development. In service to these principles, the Graduate Assembly advocates for students, funds student groups, and directly manages a variety of projects.

### Delegate Assembly
Delegate representatives come from all academic units, departments and schools. The GA holds monthly delegate meetings to discuss campus issues impacting graduate students and create advocacy initiatives to improve the overall graduate experience.

### Executive Board
Composed of five elected voting officers and three elected non-voting officers, the Board meets weekly to coordinate advocacy and carry out various initiatives as directed by the Delegates.

### Assembly Committees
Delegates sit on various committees, chaired by elected GA Officers, which guide the internal and external operations of the GA.

### Campus Committees
Graduate students serve on 70+ campus committees with other students, faculty, and administrators. Critical campus decision-making takes place in committees, making graduate student representatives an important avenue for student input and representation.

### Student Groups
Each year, the GA dedicates one-third of its annual budget to support the funding needs of graduate student groups. The GA funds registered student groups and student publications, in addition to providing space for events. The GA also offers travel awards for students presenting research at professional and student conferences.

### Projects
The GA provides resources, advocacy, and programming for UC Berkeley’s diverse graduate population through independent projects, each coordinated by a Berkeley graduate student. See reverse side for more information about the GA's nine projects.

### Campus-Wide Events
The GA Projects regularly hold events that invite participation from graduate students from all parts of campus. Events may be tailored toward the communities that a specific project serves, or be more broad-based. Popular events include the Empowering Women of Color Conference and the Graduate Social Advocacy Agenda
Each year, the Delegate Assembly selects a 2-3 item advocacy agenda to guide major advocacy efforts for that year. As a starting point for developing an agenda, the GA conducts a campus-wide student status survey each year. The 2014-2015 survey identified housing affordability as a major issue for graduate students.

### Multi-Level Approach
The GA represents the interests of graduate students on campus and in the community at the city, state, and federal levels.

### Multi-Pronged Approach
The GA coordinates advocacy in multiple spaces and through many avenues. Delegates advocate in their departments and in the wider campus community as a part of working groups and committees. Officers meet regularly with high level campus administrators and UC officials to advocate for graduate student interests. Project Directors advocate on campus and in the community for various stakeholder groups.

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**Subscribe**
Stay apprised of GA events and other happenings by joining the GA’s mailing list at ga.berkeley.edu, following us on Facebook at facebook.com/BerkeleyGA, and following The Berkeley Graduate on Twitter at twitter.com/theberkeleygrad.

**Speak Up**
Come to our first Delegate Assembly meeting on September 10; make your voice heard during public comment at an Assembly meeting or at a weekly Executive Board meeting; communicate with your department’s GA Delegate; or meet new colleagues during an upcoming Project event.

**Participate**
Put your passion to work by joining a GA Project and getting involved in events and advocacy on campus and in the community; get involved with your department’s student government or consider becoming a delegate.
PROJECTS
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Graduate Student Parent Advocacy
Advocates for student parents and develops programs to support their academic and personal success. Helps ensure that all Graduate Assembly meetings are family-friendly.

Graduate Student Wellness
Addresses issues that can affect the well-being of graduate students, such as issues of comprehensive health, mental health, and wellness services; financial and tax literacy; and funding opportunities.

Graduate Minority Students Project
Advocates for underrepresented graduate students in all aspects of academic life. Provides direct services to underrepresented graduate students through social receptions, lectures, workshops and educational forums.

Graduate Minority Outreach, Recruitment, and Retention
Engages with underrepresented minority students across all departments, focusing on issues of admission, retention, and matriculation.

Graduate Social Club
Organizes and facilitates social interactions between graduate students from all campus departments. Hosts one large event each semester as well as monthly mixers and other social events.

Graduate Women’s Project
Advocates for graduate women, addressing intersecting concerns including racial and ethnic justice; class inequality; disability and access issues; as well as queer, trans, and gender non-conforming expression.

The Berkeley Graduate
Informs and inspires students by publishing a news website that connects students with the campus-wide community and the work, activities, and issues important to graduate students.

Queer and Transgender Advocacy
Seeks to improve the experiences of queer and transgender graduate students through advocacy and programming that addresses specific needs and concerns of the community.

Women of Color Initiative
Advocates for and organizes events to support and engage graduate women of color. Coordinates the annual Empowering Women of Color Conference, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary.

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
ANNA HEAD ALUMNAE HALL, BERKELEY
5:30-9:00 PM
Come for dinner at 5:00 PM
Public comment: 5:30-5:40 PM
Agenda will be available at: ga.berkeley.edu/delegates/assembly-meeting-materials/

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