UCSF Graduate Division

Faculty Newsletter
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Supporting Students Around the Election

Like most of us, many students are anxious about the upcoming election and its aftermath. The Graduate Division is actively making preparations to provide learners with the support they may need in any likely post-election scenario.

Please augment our efforts and support your students and mentees by not scheduling any major exams or deadlines the week of the election.

We'll post related events and information on the Graduate Division website as plans gel.

Grad Slam Finalists Give Talks at BASF

As you know, the Graduate Division had to cancel both of its traditional "Slam" contests this year due to the pandemic. This week, we are partnering with the Bay Area Science Festival on a virtual facsimile, "Three Minute Science."

Graduate Dean Elizabeth Watkins will host the online-only event, on **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Get Help with Virtual Teaching

Since all winter quarter didactic and discussion-based courses must now be held online, even tech-savvy instructors would be wise to take advantage of the instructional design services offered by the UCSF Library to help you make the transition. Instructional designers can assist you with presentation design and show you how to make the best use of the Collaborative Learning Environment (CLE) and the many multimedia tools available to you as faculty.

"Drop-in" sessions are available (over Zoom) every Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or you can book a consultation.

Funding Opportunity!
University of California-Hispanic Serving Institutions Doctoral Diversity Initiative

Launched in fall 2019, the UC-HSI DDI aims to enhance and expand faculty diversity and pathways to the professoriate for students from California's Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs). The Graduate Division would like to strongly encourage faculty to partner with colleagues at qualifying California State University campuses, most of which are HSIs, to apply for this new funding opportunity.

There are two award tiers. PIs will have the flexibility to define the length of their grant term – up to five years for large awards (up to $350K), and up to two years for small awards (up to $50K).

The UC Office of the President will announce grant recipients and fund winning proposals in summer 2021. Get more details about the Initiative and apply through the UCOP website.

DEI and Anti-Racism Town Hall

Six of this year's Grad Slam finalists will give Slam-like brief talks about their research, in language accessible to a general audience. Viewers will be able to vote for their favorite presentation, and the winner will receive $500. See who's presenting and grab the Zoom link to watch.

Join us by Zoom **Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 4 p.m.** for the second quarterly Graduate Division Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Anti-Racism Town Hall.

This session follows on the first DEI Town Hall in July, and it reflects our resolve to continue strengthening unity with the Graduate Division community and to bring about concrete changes in our campus culture in support of BIPOC learners.

D'Anne Duncan, assistant dean for diversity and learner success, and Graduate Dean Elizabeth Watkins will co-lead the event, which will also feature presentations by UCSF faculty members Aimee Medeiros and Dyche Mullins. Updates will be added to the Graduate Division website after the Town Hall.

Racism in Science Course Launches

The Graduate Division is offering this timely new course for first-year PhD students, taught by Dr. Aimee Medeiros. It covers the history of systemic racism in scientific research and examines how racial bias continues to influence scientific inquiry. Students are also looking at the impact of the dearth of diversity in science and exploring ways to effect positive change in the research enterprise.

Curious about the course content? Get the syllabus and read along with students.

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