



## What's Next?

Knowing what UCSF graduate student and postdoc alumni are doing now helps us to help current trainees get where they want to go next.



## Student Food Market Comes to Mission Bay

It can be difficult for students to make ends meet, especially given housing costs in the Bay Area. For almost two years, UCSF students have been able to get free food staples at the Student Food Market at Parnassus; now a Food

## Town Hall on UCSF PhD and Postdoc Career Outcomes

Please attend one of two town halls on Career Outcomes and Career Exploration, where Dean Liz Watkins will share results from the Graduate Division's ongoing study of alumni career pathways. Are our mentees' career expectations in line with the instruction, mentorship, and career preparation they receive here? How can faculty, academic programs, and career services better prepare students and postdocs for the ever-changing employment landscape ahead of them?

You'll also hear more about a unique opportunity for trainees at UCSF — the [MIND career exploration program](#). MIND brings interactive programming to PhD students and postdocs and provides tools and resources to help them effectively and efficiently learn about a range of career options, while balancing their research and educational commitments.

**Parnassus:** Jan 7, 12 noon – 1 p.m., N217

**Mission Bay:** Jan 8, 12 noon – 1 p.m., Rock Hall Aud

Please sign up on EventBrite for either the [Parnassus](#) or [Mission Bay](#) event.

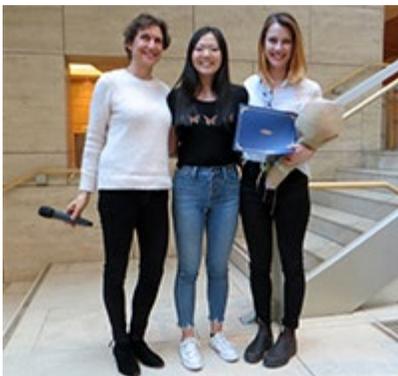
## Sixth Annual Grad Slam Competition

Remember to encourage your students to enter the 2020 Grad Slam competition. Past participants have told us that Grad Slam gave them new confidence in speaking about their projects and even helped them think more clearly about their research. Grad Slam raises the profile of our graduate programs as well as the research conducted in your labs. Every student who submits a video entry will get \$50, and a total of almost \$8,000 in cash prizes will be awarded.

To participate, students must first declare their intent to enter by the January 15 deadline. They are then

Market will also be offered at Mission Bay, every Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5 p.m. Students *do not* need to show financial need, but must [sign up in advance](#) to take advantage of this resource.

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### Mentoring Award

Tetrad student Adair Borges (above right) was one of the six recipients of the Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring in 2019. Nominations open March 1 for the next award cycle.

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### Holiday Office Closures

The Graduate Division and Office for Postdoctoral Scholars will be closed Dec 24 - Jan 1 and will reopen on Jan 2.

*Wishing you a restorative break!*

sent an invitation to upload a video to Box by February 4. Please direct your mentees to the [rules and further info on the Graduate Division website](#).

### Dean's Awards for Excellence in Mentoring for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars

For the second time, this annual award will recognize graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who consistently serve as outstanding mentors for their colleagues. Please be encouraged to nominate deserving students and postdocs and help us to foster a culture of mentoring at UCSF.

Nominations open March 1 and close on March 31. [See details about the award](#).

### Online Resources for Faculty

The Graduate Division now offers two websites devoted to helping you in your roles as graduate faculty and as mentors, in addition to the websites aimed at students and postdocs.

[GDFS.ucsf.edu](#), the site for Graduate Division faculty and staff, provides information on assisting students through difficulties, scheduling considerations, the program review process, creating new programs, how to recruit postdocs, and more.

[Mentoring.ucsf.edu](#) is the site of the new Graduate Faculty Development Program. Here you can find information on faculty development workshops and events, guidance on using the IDP effectively with your trainees, and other tools and resources.

[Graduate.ucsf.edu](#) is primarily a student-facing site, but faculty will also find useful information on the graduate programs, student financial support, the policy on student progress, commencement dates, and the latest Grad Div news.

[Postdocs.ucsf.edu](#) is the central hub of information for postdocs, including all the resources unique to this population. If you mentor postdocs, you might want to bookmark the [bargaining agreement between UC and the union representing postdocs](#), to be sure you are holding up "your end" of the bargain.

