



UC Santa Cruz First Generation Initiative

February 12th, 2021

Dear fellow first-generation grad students,

Welcome to our First-Generation (FG) community!

We are a committee of FG graduate students across various departments who are seeking to foster community and support fellow FG graduate students. Throughout the year we'll be hosting a variety of virtual events. See details below and registration for upcoming events and resources that have been specifically tailored for/by FG graduate students.

Join Us: Managing Personal Finances Workshop



Do you know the difference between a top-down vs. bottom-up budget? Have questions about taxes, but don't know who or what to ask? Join us for a workshop with Professor Patricia Kelly, former investment banking analyst on Wall Street and currently a local private investment manager and instructor for Personal Finance and Investing (Cowell

College). Topics include how to budget on a small income and navigating the tax system. Q&A session included. Open to all grads, and First Generation Grads in particular!

When: Thursday, March 4

Time: 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Where: Zoom

If you're interested in attending, please **RSVP** for this event here:

<https://forms.gle/cHsWJYbF9rThDLdr7>

Co-sponsored by the First Generation Initiative (FGI) and Graduate Student Commons (GSC)

For accommodations and questions please contact firstgen@ucsc.edu

Hidden Curriculum Series: Communicating Science to Others

As part of the hidden curriculum series, our second event will focus on how to

communicate science to other audiences. Our three speakers include Allison Arteaga Soergel a public information office for the division of social sciences, Dr. Myra Finkelstein a professor of Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology, and Dr. Emma Hiolski a freelance science writer. This event is open to all graduate students.

When: Thursday, February 25

Time: 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Where: Zoom

If you're interested in attending, please **RSVP** for this event here:

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For graduate students who self-identify as first-generation graduate students to get together and meet other first-gen graduate students.

**DATE: THURSDAY FEB.
25TH
TIME: 6-7 PM**

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Engagement explores how the fundamental democratic and academic principles of free speech and civic engagement should enrich the discovery and transmission of knowledge in America's colleges and universities.



We are **now accepting applications** for our 2020-2021 Fellowship Program. The deadline to submit is **Friday, March 5th** at midnight.

About the Fellowship:

Each year, the Center selects fellows from a broad range of disciplines and backgrounds such as law, journalism, higher education, social science, technology and government.

Fellows receive funding to further the national conversation related to expression and democratic participation on college campuses including how to advance campus dialogue and further diversity and inclusion.

The Center welcomes candidates from all backgrounds to apply. As part of the University of California, the Center is committed to promoting diversity and equal opportunity in its education, services and administration, as well as research and creative activity.

The Center invites a wide range of projects. We are especially interested in projects that will have a direct impact on individuals and communities across campus. We are focused on projects that enhance our understanding of how free speech is—and can be practiced—as well as how to foster civic engagement in American higher education. For more information about the work of the previous class of fellows, click [here](#).

Join First-Gen Grads on Discord!



The First-Generation Graduate Student Committee has created a Discord server for those interested in engaging with other first-generation grad students!

You can join using this link:
<https://discord.gg/XmgbWK6E>

First-Gen Graduate Student Highlights

Meet **Andrea Vazquez**! Here is what Andrea had to say about being a first-generation college graduate student and how it influences their work:

"Being a first-generation college student has influenced all my work. I'm very interested in the way that youth think of the future and what they imagined their lives could be like in comparison to their parent's imaginary of the future. My work was heavily influenced by my parent's stories."

Read more about about Andrea's story and other First-Gen Grads [here](#).



Share Your First-Gen Story!

The First Generation Initiative has worked to increase the visibility of first-generation students at UCSC. You can be a part of this active process by providing your First-Gen story to be featured on the [FGI website](#).

Please complete this form to participate:
<http://bit.ly/FirstGenProfiles>



Join our effort, [sign up](#) to receive our newsletter and learn about upcoming events. Graduate students get a free #FirstGen College Grad T-shirt and we have Supporter buttons too.

Contact us firstgen@ucsc.edu. Website: <https://firstgen.ucsc.edu>

