



UC Santa Cruz First Generation Initiative

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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.

First-Gen Grad Students...We Need Your Input!

The First-Generation Initiative team would like your input on developing a *NEW* water bottle/laptop sticker! We have come up with six options to choose from!

Please give us your feedback by voting on your top three when completing this form:

<https://bit.ly/FGISticker>



First-Gen Graduate Student Highlights

Meet Trung Pq Nguyen! Here is what Trung had to say about being a first-generation college graduate student and how it influences his work:

"Popular narratives about refugees too often portray the post-resettlement experience in positive terms: that the refugee can finally have freedom, safety, happiness, and so forth now that they are away from imminent danger. Growing in a refugee household, I saw that this was not at all the case. My family, and many like mine, experienced other forms and conditions of abandonment, racism,

exploitation, and violence after resettlement. Part of my work looks at what kinds of political imaginations of solidarity refugees and other communities of non-citizens produce after and in spite of protracted experiences of war, disillusionment, and abandonment."

Read more about about Trung'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.

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