



UC Santa Cruz First Generation Initiative

October 12, 2020

Dear fellow first-generation grad students,

Welcome to our **first-generation (FG) community** and for those who are incoming students we look forward to having you as part of our community! We hope that you all had the opportunity to take care of yourselves this summer.

Just to introduce ourselves, we are a committee of FG graduate students across various departments that started last year to create events to foster community and support for fellow FG graduate students. Throughout the year we'll be hosting a variety of virtual events, so stay tuned for future emails about these events.

First-Gen Graduate Student Social

To start this quarter, we are hosting our first social event to welcome all the incoming students. If you're an incoming FG graduate student please join us! You'll get to meet other first-generation incoming students and be part of scavenger hunt to win prizes!



Join us to meet other first-generation graduate students and participate in a scavenger hunt to win prizes!

Date:

Friday, October 16, 2020

Time:

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

RSVP Link:

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Let's Talk Money: An Honest Conversation with First-Gen Grad Students

Join us for a panel conversation with fellow first-generation graduate students about finances and budgeting.



Featured Panelists:

- **Ibette Valle**, PhD Social Psychology Student (pictured above)
- **Desiree Ryan**, PhD Social Psychology Student
- **Edith Gonzalez**, PhD Environmental Studies Student

Date: Friday, October 23, 2020

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/6LEFwzPpNT41MkRN9>

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Resources for First-Gen Graduate Students

Check out our new [Graduate Student Resources web page](#) on the First Generation Initiative website!

We have information on:

- Career & Professional Development
- Community & Connections
- Financial Support
- Health & Well-Being
- Research and Mentoring
- and more!



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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