



UC Santa Cruz First Generation Initiative

January 20, 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.

REMINDER, NEXT WEEK! Winter Quarter First-Gen Grad Social

Hello everyone,

Please join us for our first Winter quarter social event for first-generation (FG) graduate students! We will be hosting an evening of Nightcraft, origami edition. Come learn some basic origami and enjoy a relaxing hangout while we fold paper. We'll be sending out supplies to those interested, but please RSVP asap as supplies are limited. This will be a place for those who self-identify as a FG graduate student to get together and meet other FG students.

When: Friday, January 29 @ 6:00 pm

Where: Via Zoom (links will be emailed to those that RSVP)

Sponsored by the First Generation Initiative.

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

<https://forms.gle/awdiYqcCQTwsDqUTA>

For accommodations and questions please contact firstgen@ucsc.edu

- FIRST GENERATION INITIATIVE -

First Generation Graduate Student Nightcraft

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

Date: Friday, January 29th

Time: 6 pm - 8 pm

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/3nY5Qkz>

First-Gen Graduate Student Highlights

Meet **Ibette Valle**! Here is what Ibette had to say about being a first-generation college graduate and how it influences her work:

"I am so empowered as a first-generation college graduate! I have cousins whom I have never met, asking for help with financial aid. Instead of saying "I don't know", I get to say, "How much time do you have?" and "You're going to want to write this down". Career-wise, I am fortunate enough to be in graduate school for the specific purpose of supporting first-generation college students like myself. My goal is to continue to serve first-generation students in a capacity where their stories can be heard and their many strengths celebrated."



Read more about about Ibette'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>

Online Resources for First-Gen Graduate Students

Check out our **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.

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

