



First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! We hope that the quarter has been fun and successful for you so far. We are so excited to bring you our second newsletter of the winter quarter with many more to come filled with resources, exciting activities, and more! As always we encourage you to visit our website to learn more about our team, access parent resources, and to check out the events and resources we offer to first generation students.

Visit Our Website!

FGI Team Spotlight



Dr. Rebecca Covarrubias, Associate Professor of Psychology, Faculty Director of the Student Success Equity Research Center (SSERC)
Pronouns: She/her/hers

Rebecca is the faculty lead for the UC Santa Cruz First Generation Initiative. In this role, she provides consultation support and on First Gen Initiative events, messaging, and programming.
[Read More](#)

FGI Team Spotlight

Anya Batra (she/her/hers)
Cowell College | Psychology Major

Anya Batra is a second-year



undergraduate student at UCSC pursuing a degree in Psychology. She is an intern for the First Generation Initiative and the Student Success Equity Research Center. [Read More](#)

2021 Remote Learning Resources



Check out these resources to help you answer any concerns you may have regarding Canvas, Zoom, Internet Access, Tutoring, or even staying motivated! We even have a student-led network where you can receive help from a fellow slug!

Remote Learning Resources

Quick tips for Remote Success

1. Attend virtual office hours with your Professors and Teaching Assistants: Building relationships with staff will help your success in the long-run.
2. Get Involved in Student Groups: Look into student groups that are meeting virtually this semester.
3. Check out the Employee Request (ER) System: Stay up to date on internships and jobs available to students.

UCSC Career Center (ER System)

Upcoming Events



WOMXN IN LEADERSHIP PANEL

4-6pm Thursday, Feb. 11th 2021

Connect with a diverse panel of womxn in leadership positions and learn about their career journeys, the adversity they've faced and overcome, how they built confidence in the process, and how they became agents of change within their organizations.

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/3nrNIEC>

[Registration Link](#)

Womxn in Leadership Panel

The Womxn's Center is holding the Womxn in Leadership Panel on February 11th! There will be four different panelists answering questions about their career journeys and the adversity they've faced and overcome. The panelists for this event are **Dr. Mayen Udoetuk**, Director of Engineering and Technology at UCSC's Silicon Valley Campus; **Yvette Brooks**, the first Hispanic Mayor for the City of Capitola; **MariaElena De La Garza**, Executive Director of Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County; and Christy Martin, UCSC Alumni Council member.

February 11th from 4:00 to 6:00pm
Registration open to all students

Study Abroad
Division of Global Engagement

UCDC Washington Program

UCDC is an exciting program of internship and study. Students spend a quarter attending classes and conducting an internship based in Washington D.C., while registered as UCSC students and earning academic credit. Internship placements are geared toward students' interests, including but not limited to:


- Government and public policy
- Nonprofit and advocacy
- Science and technology
- The environment
- The arts
- Human rights
- Social justice
- Law
- Business and finance
- Education
- Media and communications
- Health

Open to juniors and seniors in all academic majors.

For more information, contact Ashley Bayman at studyabroad@ucsc.edu or visit our website.

Upcoming Information Sessions
 Wednesday, January 27th, 12-1 PM- [register here!](#)
 Thursday, February 11th, 4-5 PM- [register here!](#)
 Friday, February 26th, 11-12 PM- [register here!](#)

studyabroad.ucsc.edu



Fall 2021/Winter 2022 deadline: April 5th at 11:45 PM!

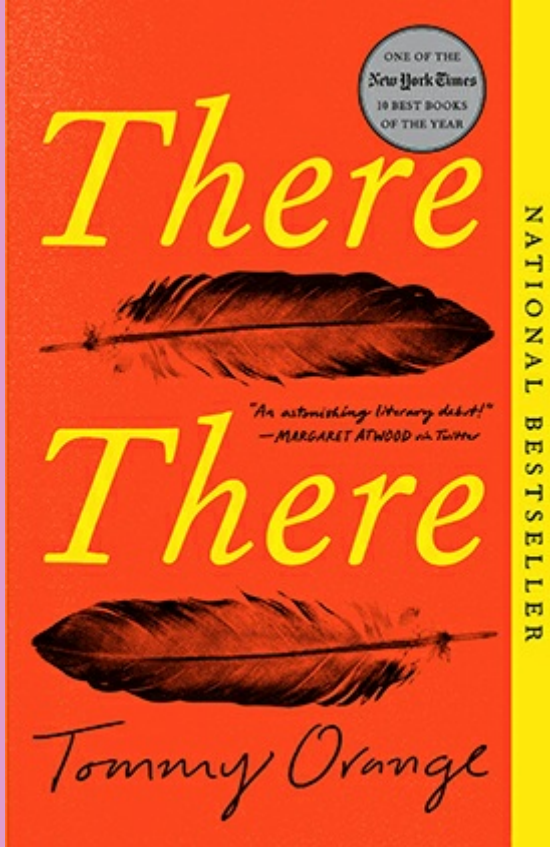
Apply to UCDC!

The UCDC Program supervises and supports students who pursue a quarter of academic study and internship work in the nation's capital. Internship placements are geared toward student interests, including but not limited to government and public policy, science and the environment, education and the arts, advocacy and nonprofit organizations, law, and business and finance.

[Registration Link](#)

Humanities Institute launches 2021 Deep Read with Tommy Orange's novel 'There There'

Following the success of last year's *Deep Read* with guest author Margaret Atwood, The Humanities Institute at UC Santa Cruz



has announced the second installment of its new program that invites the campus and community to think deeply about literature, art, and the most pressing issues of the day.

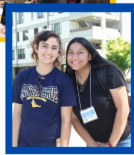
The goal of the program is to read books from a wide variety of genres and explore their implications on our politics, inner lives, and communities. Driven by our rapidly changing and tumultuous times, The Deep Read is designed to be a new platform for intellectual engagement, classes, and major events with top writers and thinkers.

The Deep Read book selected for 2021 is Tommy Orange's *New York Times* bestselling novel *There There*, a multi-generational, fast-paced story about the lives of urban Native Americans. **The Humanities Institute is offering free copies of 'There There' to the first 1,000 students to sign up.**

[More Info](#)

EOP Bridge *Apply Now!* **Mentor Position!**

Want to help new UCSC freshmen grow and transition to the university level? Apply now to join the EOP Bridge team for the upcoming 2021-2022 UCSC school year!



Position Requirements

- Good interpersonal communication skills and the ability to work with individuals from diverse ethnic, racial, and socio-economical backgrounds.
- Ability to work independently on projects and as a member of the Bridge Mentor team.
- Able to hold the position and attend all required events for the full academic year 2021-2022

Info Nights!

Have Questions about the position? Join current mentors on January 27th at 5:30-6:30 to your answer!

Join the Zoom vis this link: [BananaBridge](#)

For additional information and accommodations, please contact EOP Bridge at bridge@ucsc.edu



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ER not required and the position can be issued as a stipend or internship

EOP Bridge Mentor Positions Available!

EOP Bridge, as you may or may not know, is designed to help first-generation, low-income freshman transition into university life. Each mentor has about six mentees and helps support them mentally, academically, and emotionally. We are hiring for our next school year. Join the info night for this position on January 27th from 5:30-6:30 where current mentors can teach you more about the work EOP does and details regarding the position.

[More Info](#)

We Want to Hear Your Story!

Calling all First Generation Students and First Generation Supporters



[Google Form](#)

If you are a first generation student or not we want to hear from you! If you would like to be featured on our Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter send in a picture of yourself and a paragraph talking about either what it means to be a first generation student to you or why you support first generation students. DM us your picture and paragraph @ucscfirstgen to be featured. We are also looking for first gen students that we can feature on our website to tell their stories about being first generation students and what it means to them. If you would like to be featured on the website fill out the google form attached.

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