

# GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

*CSUF Graduate Studies*

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## MESSAGE FROM CSUF GRADUATE STUDIES

Hello, Titans!

Welcome to Fall 2024! The Office of Graduate Studies is excited to welcome you all to this new academic year. We hope you are having a great start to your Fall Semester.

During these early weeks of the academic year, take a moment to make a plan for the semester ahead. Make a plan to go to your professor's office hours and create study groups. Begin thinking about ways you might take care of your physical and mental health, and create a plan for self care. We wish you the best of luck this academic year! We are here for you if you ever need support. Go Titans!

# GRADUATE STUDIES CENTER HOURS

Come visit us in our newly  
opened space in PLN-121!

Monday to Thursday,  
10am to 7pm  
Friday, 10am to 5pm

Remember you can stash your  
food in our kitchen area, bring  
your study group to our open  
study space, or **reserve our  
private study room.**



**GSC**  
at CSUF  
Graduate Studies Center

## The GSC has MOVED!

*Pollak  
Library*

**COME VISIT OUR NEW  
LOCATION**

**POLLAK LIBRARY NORTH  
121-A**

[gsc@fullerton.edu](mailto:gsc@fullerton.edu)

## MEET THE GSC'S NEW SENIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Dr. Alexandra Terrones is the new Senior Program Coordinator for CSUF's Graduate Studies Center. She comes to CSUF from UCLA where she received her B.A. in psychology and her M.A. and Ph.D. in higher education. Dr. Terrones' prior experience in higher education includes positions in residential life and academic advising. Prior to coming to CSUF, she was an instructor for UCLA's advising initiative called University Studies where she led seminars for freshmen, transfers, first-generation college students, and students in the humanities and social sciences. Stop by her office in PLN-121 to say "hello" and introduce yourself!

# GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP

This program awards grants that range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year to economically disadvantaged CSU students who have had success in overcoming educational disadvantages. The deadline to apply is **September 27, 2024 at 5pm**.

To apply, you must:

- Be a California resident or have an AB540 affidavit on file with your CSU campus;
- Be admitted to a CSU campus and to a graduate program as a classified or conditionally classified student;
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA);
- Have a financial need of at least \$1,000;
- Enroll at least half-time in an eligible graduate degree;
- Demonstrate potential to succeed in graduate school and complete a degree program in no more than 2 years, as evidenced by undergraduate coursework and letters of recommendation.

For more information and to access the online application, please visit the Office of Graduate Studies website.

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## WRITING APPOINTMENTS

The GSC provides free one-on-one Writing Appointments to all CSUF graduate students. Our skilled Writing Consultants are happy to help you with any writing assignment you encounter in your graduate program. You can now book a Writing Appointment [online on our website](#).

Students may make 1 Writing Appointment per week and these can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance. Midterms and finals season is usually very busy so don't wait to start working on your writing projects!

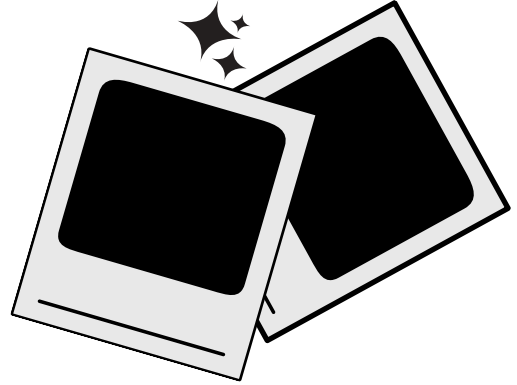
## TITAN BITES AVAILABLE ON IFULLERTON APP

Created in response to increased food insecurity, Titan Bites is a way to provide convenient and immediate notifications of available food on campus after a catered event. This program will send students push notifications through the iFullerton app informing them of when and where food is available on campus.

# PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS BY CSUF AA-IT

Need help putting your best foot forward? Stop by the free professional headshot sessions in the CEDA area on the PLN 2nd floor! Please bring your TitanCard or have your CWID available to take your photo. Each person may take 3 photos per turn. First come, first served.

- Monday, October 7 from 9:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday, October 22 from 1pm-3pm
- Wednesday, November 6 from 10am-12pm
- Tuesday, November 19 from 4pm-6pm
- Monday, December 2 from 2pm-4pm
- Thursday, December 12 from 10am-12pm



## CSUF BALLOT BOWL

Help CSUF win the Ballot Bowl with the most voter registrations at any college/university campus in California! CSUF won the Ballot Bowl in 2020 - let's win back the title!



**Cal State Fullerton.**

# BALLOT BOWL

**Titans, make your voices heard!  
Register and turn out to vote.**

- **9/17:** National Voter Registration Day
- **10/7:** Vote-by-mail ballots now available
- **10/21:** Last day to register to vote online or by paper
- **10/22:** Missed the registration deadline?  
Register in person at various locations
- **11/2 - 11/4:** Vote on campus at the Titan Student Union Vote Center
- **11/5:** Election Day - Vote between 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Go Titans! #TitansTurnOut2024**  
Learn more at [fullerton.edu/election](https://fullerton.edu/election)



# UPCOMING DEADLINES

## Thesis/Dissertation Deadlines:

- Fall 2024: November 15, 2024

## Leave of Absence Deadline:

- Fall 2024: September 23, 2024

## Withdrawal Deadlines:

- Non-medical withdrawals w/ a “W” notation on transcript:  
November 15, 2024
- Medical withdrawals:  
December 6, 2024

# CONTACT US

Follow us on our social media pages to stay in the know!

 Instagram: [@csufgradstudies](https://www.instagram.com/csufgradstudies)

 YouTube: [@csufgradstudies7586](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsufgradstudies7586)



If you ever have any questions or concerns, reach out to us at [gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu](mailto:gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu).



# CONGRATS TO OUR 2024 TITAN GRAD SLAM WINNERS



**RYUTARO ICHIHARA**

1st Place:  
Kinesiology



**TIMOTHY RUPER**

2nd Place:  
Secondary Education



**CATANIA CALAVITTA**

3rd Place:  
Mathematics

# Congratulations

## 2024 GILES T. BROWN THESIS EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS



### SHANNON ANDERSON

1ST PLACE AND CSU-WIDE  
FINALIST

“Examining the broader context of racialized space in the early-to mid-twentieth century, highlighting the Bernal family’s complicated legal victory against racially restrictive housing covenants in Fullerton and its significance in challenging racial inequality.”

### RYUTARO ICHIHARA

1ST PLACE AND CSU-WIDE  
FINALIST

“Investigating the unique bodily experiences of individuals with Cerebral Palsy, using phenomenology to challenge traditional views on mobility and advocate for a more inclusive culture in physical activity programs.”



### DENISA MARC

1ST PLACE AND CSU-WIDE  
FINALIST

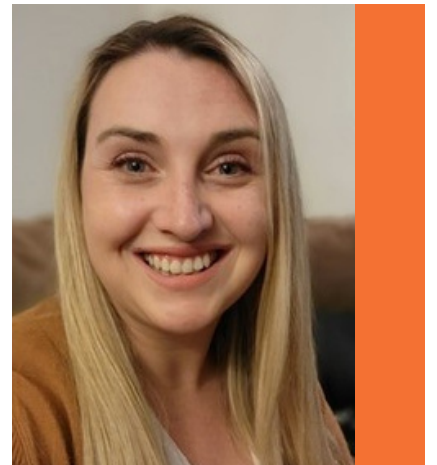
“Predicting the Effect of FOMC Wording on the U.S. Treasury Yields:  
A Machine Learning Analysis”



### CHELSEA BOWERS-DOERNING

1ST PLACE AND CSU-WIDE  
FINALIST

“Investigated the presence and assimilation of microplastics in Pacific sardines in the Southern California Bight, a region heavily impacted by plastic pollution. The findings highlight the potential implications for seafood safety and public health [while] underscoring the critical need to address plastic pollution in marine environments to protect both aquatic life and human consumers.”





# OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES IS HIRING

## GRADUATE STUDIES STUDENT ASSISTANT

The Student Assistant will be first point of contact for guests visiting the Office of Graduate Studies and answer questions via telephone, email, and in-person pertaining to student or faculty concerns and policies. Position also includes other tasks as assigned. We are currently seeking applicants with Tuesday and Thursday availability.

- Must be a current student at CSUF and is enrolled/registered in a current regular semester
- Has completed the prior semester (has not graduated) or who is registered for subsequent semester
- In good academic standing
- Authorized to work in the United States and can provide employment eligibility documents

Apply on the CSUF Careers page  
(Job Search #542866).

Questions? Reach out to us at  
[gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu](mailto:gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu)



# Graduate Student Support Group

Facilitated by: Dr. Annie Petrossian

**This group is a low-pressure, friendly, and supportive space for graduate students to decompress, share their experiences, problem solve, and take some time for themselves.**



**Scan to join zoom**

Meeting ID: 886 6972 2076

## Wednesdays

September 18 - December 11\*

\*No Group November 27th

### 3-4PM

Group meetings are drop in No rsvp required