

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Office of Graduate Studies

Happy end of semester, graduate students! And congratulations to our Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 graduates! This semester has been a very trying semester for students, faculty, and staff alike. Nevertheless, we persevered and still came out on top with achievements such as hosting the first ever virtual University Awards Ceremony as well as the first ever virtual Titan Grad Slam. We are even preparing for an in person graduation ceremony this June! We are looking forward to what will hopefully be an in person fall semester and cannot wait to see everyone on campus again. Thank you for your patience, your determination and your endurance during this time of uncertainty. We are proud of each and every one of our graduate students and it remains an honor to serve you as you make your way through your graduate program.

TITAN GRAD SLAM 2021 WINNERS!

Thank you to all that participated in the Titan Grad Slam competition! We are happy to announce the winners of the competition.

Congratulations to all our winners and to Dylan and Emma who are competing in the CSU-wide Grad Slam in May! Click the link below to join the fun and watch our Titans present!

[CSU Grad Slam 2021](#)



1st Place: Dylan Serpas, Clinical Psychology

"Pain Intensity and Physical Performance among Individuals with Fibromyalgia in Mid-to-Late Life: The Influence of Depressive Symptoms"



2nd Place: Emma Bianco, History

"The White Supremacist Women of Orange County"



3rd Place: Samir Mulgaonkar, Mechanical Engineering

"Reducing Automobile Greenhouse Gas Emissions Using Generative Design Process and Additive Manufacturing"



3rd Place: Jillian Bentley, Art History

"Four Star Champions and Still Not Winning: "Social Activism by the United States Women's Soccer Team Creates Emblematic Protest Icon"



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Grad Equity Fellowship Application

- May 7, 2021

Summer 2021 Thesis/Dissertation Submission

- July 9, 2021

Fall 2021 Leave of Absence Deadline

- August 21, 2021

Fall 2021 Grad Check Application

- September 13, 2021

Fall 2021 Thesis/Dissertation Submission

- November 19, 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT "THEMED COMMUNITY"

If you're looking for on campus housing, there will soon be several floors dedicated to graduate students in Student Housing. Apply now on the [housing website](#)

GRAD STUDIES WORKSHOPS

For more information on writing workshops, thesis support, professional development, and the grad student listening space, please visit the below link:

[GSSC Workshops](#)



What is a Leave of Absence?

For continuing students, please note that all graduate students must maintain continuous enrollment. If you are not able to attend a semester, you will need to take a leave of absence, which must be requested BEFORE the semester begins. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP

Graduate Equity Fellowship grants range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year. This program seeks to increase the diversity of students completing graduate degree programs at the CSU, encourages continuation toward doctoral programs, and promotes consideration of university faculty careers. It provides fellowships for economically disadvantaged CSU students who have had success in overcoming educational disadvantages and promotes faculty mentoring and research opportunities.

Click the below link for more information and to apply now!

[Graduate Equity Fellowship](#)

2021 CSUF Student Research Competition

Finalists

Congratulations to our four masters students participating in the Student Research Competition taking place April 30-May 1st! Best of luck in the competition!

Sierra Farquhar-Wulff - Music, COTA
Title: Gender Discrimination in the Choral Conducting Profession
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rob Istad

Alejandra Tantomango Gavilan - Economics, CBE
Title: Sanctuary Policies: Do They Affect Wages and Employment?
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andrew Gill

Navid Tavakoulnia - Mechanical Engineering, ECS
Title: Stent Placement for Patients with Congenital Heart Defects
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Justin Tran

Marissa Wu - Biological Science, NSM
Title: The Effect of Muscle Contractions on Gamete Plumes during the Reproductive Spawning of the Red Abalone, *Haliotis Rufescens*
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Danielle Zacherl

For questions or concerns, please contact gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu



COMMENCEMENT 2021

Cal State Fullerton understands the importance of celebrating our graduates' outstanding achievements. We are pleased to invite graduates to participate in the time-honored tradition of hearing their name announced as they walk triumphantly across the CSUF commencement stage on June 12. Each graduate may invite two ticketed guests to attend the Commencement celebration. Guests and graduates will participate in the stage walk line-up together. For more information, visit the Commencement website: [Commencement](#)

COVID UPDATES

Please visit the [COVID webpage](#) for the most up to date information on the return to campus plan

GRAD STUDIES WEBSITE

For more information on scholarship opportunities, important dates, and more, please visit our Grad Studies website: <http://www.fullerton.edu/graduate/>



Helpful Resources

For health and wellness, CSUF provides students with resources such as Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and a virtual wellness platform with articles, videos, and CSUF resources

<https://www.fullerton.edu/caps/>
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