

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

CSUF Graduate Studies

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MESSAGE FROM CSUF GRADUATE STUDIES

Hello, Titans!

We hope you are having a great start to the semester and staying warm in this chilly weather.

As you get further into your courses and assignments, remember to take breaks and utilize the resources available to you on campus that you might need. We have a consolidated list of campus resources [online here](#) that you can save and pull up whenever necessary.

Make sure to also take a look at our upcoming events and workshops at the end of the newsletter, we hope you will join us!

GRAD STUDIES CENTER HOURS

The GSC (LH-216) is open for the spring semester!

Note that we will be closed for Spring Break:

Spring 2023 Hours:

Open: M-Th: 10:00am - 7:00pm, F: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Spring Break Hours:

Closed: March 27 - March 31

Drop by and see us when you are on campus. 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**.

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 here**.

Remember Writing Appointments can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance. Midterm season is usually very busy so don't wait to start working on your projects!

GRAD STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK: APRIL 3 - 7

Graduate Student Appreciation Week happens every year and its goal is to celebrate and show appreciation for our Titan graduate students! We're finalizing events for this year's Grad Student Appreciation Week, so we want you to save the date. We'll give you opportunities to give shout outs to your peers, develop yourself professionally, and gather together to celebrate!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

FAFSA For Priority Financial Aid

- March 2

Summer 2023 Graduation Check

- March 13

Commencement 2023 Registration

- April 1 - 26

Non-Medical Withdrawal w/ a 'W'

- April 21

Spring Thesis/Dissertation Submission

- April 28

Medical Withdrawal w/ a 'W'

- May 5

TITAN GRAD SLAM 2023

Are you working on a thesis or research project? Our Titan Grad Slam event is an exciting opportunity for our graduate students to present their research to the campus community. Students present their research in a 3-minute presentation with only one static slide. Top place winners will receive cash prizes up to \$500!

The Spring 2023 Titan Grad Slam will be a virtual event held on **April 12, 2023 from 3PM - 4PM**. More application details are available on **our website**. Make sure to **apply now**. We can't wait to hear more about your research!

STUDENT POSTINGS

Do you have an announcement or opportunity you would like to share with your fellow graduate students? Send it over to us at **gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu** with a brief description and we will post it in the newsletter!

PAID POSITION FOR BUSINESS GRAD STUDENTS

The Business Communication department is looking for graduate students to help in the review process of undergraduate business students' presentation skills.

This a PAID contract position (temporary, part-time). In summary, the task is to observe undergraduate students' in-class presentations for 75 minutes and rate their performance. You will be trained on how to rate them via a Zoom session.

The amount of payment will be determined by how many classes you choose to review. The classes will be at various days and times, but almost all observations will take place during weeks 14, 15, and 16. The Zoom training session will be around week 10 or 11. To qualify for this project, you need to be able to legally work in the United States and not already be employed by the University in an 'assistant' position.

Please contact Eric Furlong (efurlong@fullerton.edu) if you are interested in the position.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to TWO of our CSUF grad students as recipients for the **2023- 2024 ASPA Diversity Fellowship Program**, **Benjamin Soto** and **Jalen Ward!**

Benjamin Soto recently graduated with academic honors from California State University, Fullerton's Master of Public Administration program. He earned a political science B.A. from the University of California, Riverside, in

2019. As an MPA student, Benjamin was awarded a City Management Fellowship and became a CSUF graduate research assistant for the Social Equity Research and Policy Lab. He is currently a Research Specialist for the lab assisting with a National Institute of Justice-sponsored project exploring undocumented immigrants' experiences with crime, victimization, and gangs. He presented at two national academic conferences and co-authored an article published in the Journal of Public Health Policy. His professional experiences in federal and local government, shaped his research interests in exploring how the dynamics of race, ethnicity, and immigration shape political representation, ideology, and behavior—focusing especially on how these dynamics impact state and local government institutions and officials' responsiveness to the interests of marginalized communities.

Jalen Ward is a second-year master's student studying political science and government at California State University, Fullerton. Ward is a current Pa'lante Fellow and Grad Equity scholar at his campus. He splits his time working in health policy at a healthcare startup and working for his program's department as a TA and advisor to undergrads. His current research focuses on political psychology, revanchism and irredentism in states like Russia and China, and political epistemology. Ward's current thesis project focuses on political agnotology and dissemination of information in a myriad of contexts like the Nixon & Trump presidencies, nuclear security, public health, and social networks. After graduating, Ward plans to pursue a PhD in political science and hopes to go into academia and continue to teach, research, and mentor his community.

The DFP, formerly the Minority Fellowship Program, was established in 1969 to increase the number of under-represented scholars in the political science discipline. Since 1969, the APSA Diversity Fellowship Program has designated more than 600 Fellows, both funded and unfunded, and contributed to the completion of doctoral political science programs for over 100 individuals.

Great job, Titans!

GRAD EQUITY FELLOWSHIP: APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Graduate Equity Fellowship application is open now through May 5, 2023. Applicants have a chance to earn \$500 to \$2,000 per year. This fellowship 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.

Eligibility:

- Be a California resident or have an AB540 affidavit on file
- Be admitted to CSUF
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA)
- Have financial need of at least \$1,000
- Enroll at least half-time in an eligible graduate degree

Find out more about how to apply on our website, linked [online here!](#)

SPRING EVENTS

Keep scrolling to the last few pages for upcoming events and workshops offered by the GSC and our campus partners, the [Career Center](#) and the [Financial Aid Office](#).

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For any questions or concerns, reach out to us at gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu.

SPRING 2023

Upcoming Events - GSC and Campus Partners

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FEB

Learning to Write Clear and Concise

5:00PM - 6:00PM, ZOOM

This workshop will help you reduce meaningless information, avoid excess words, address inefficient wording, and cut down the number of words in your writing. Register [online here!](#)

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MARCH

Networking Like a Pro

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, HYBRID

Did you know that networking is one of the most powerful skills you can use to advance your job search? In this informative workshop, you will learn effective networking strategies that will help you achieve professional success! Join the Career Center in LH - 208 or via Zoom [online here.](#)

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MARCH

Scholarship Tips and Tricks Workshop

6:00PM - 7:00PM, ZOOM

Tips on finding and applying to scholarships and funding opportunities! This includes an overview of common application materials and best practices. Register [online here.](#)

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MARCH

Speech Improvement Center Info Session

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, HYBRID

Are you interested in a career in Communicative Disorders? Speech Improvement Center specializes in providing in home therapy and in clinic therapy services for all ages. In info session, you will learn more about this great organization and the many internship opportunities available to students! Join the Career Center in LH - 208 or via Zoom [online here.](#)

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MARCH

Grad School 101

4:00PM - 5:00PM, ZOOM

Initial overview of graduate school and how to start the process of applying for a master's degree! Register [online here.](#)

SPRING 2023

Upcoming Events - GSC and Campus Partners

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MARCH

Women Tell All: Career Version

6:00PM - 7:00PM, ZOOM

Join the Career Center to learn and engage with women in the workforce across multiple fields. This panel will consist of women from different disciplines who will discuss their college experience and transition into their careers. Register [online here](#).

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MARCH

LinkedIn: How to Start and Design Your Profile

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, HYBRID

This interactive workshop will help you create, develop, and utilize your LinkedIn profile. You can learn tips about how to use your LinkedIn account and networking. Join the Career Center in LH - 208 or via Zoom [online here](#).

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MARCH

Becoming a Community College Professor Q&A

6:00PM - 7:30PM, ZOOM

Join us and Fullerton College Professor Jodi Balma to learn more about the path to become a community college professor! Register [online here](#).

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MARCH

Careers in Government

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM, ZOOM

Join representatives from various government agencies as they discuss their careers and how they got to where they're at. Learn about the benefits of working in government and how the recruitment process works. Panel will be followed by Q&A. Register for this Career Center event [online here](#).

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MARCH

Careers in Public Relations

3:00PM - 4:30PM, HYBRID

Are you interested in a career in Public Relations? Speakers working in different areas of PR will talk about the nature of the job, skills necessary to be successful in the field, and personal advice. Join the Career Center in LH - 208 or via Zoom [online here](#).