

# GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

*CSUF Graduate Studies*

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## MESSAGE FROM CSUF GRADUATE STUDIES

Happy New Year, Titans!

We hope you had a fun and restful winter break and are now ready to get back into the swing of the spring semester. For those beginning their graduate programs in the spring, we want to extend a big welcome to you! Congratulations on your admission; we are happy you're here.

Remember there are many resources on campus for you during your time as a Titan. Check out the Orientation section in this Newsletter for a guide on those campus resources that you may need.

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 our hours below:

## Official Start of Spring Semester:

January 17, 2023 - January 20, 2023

Open: 10:00am - 5:00pm

## Spring 2023 Hours:

January 23, 2023 - May 19, 2023

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

Drop by and see us as you get back in the groove on campus. Remember you can stash your food in our kitchen area, bring your study group to our open study area, or [reserve our private study room](#).

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# ORIENTATION INFO

We have compiled university resources for all of our graduate students. Whether you are new to CSUF this semester or want a refresher, check out these resources below:

- [Webinar Recording](#)
- [Campus Resource Guide](#)
- [Webinar Presentation Slides](#)

New Spring 2023 students, check your CSUF student email with subject "CSUF Graduate Studies Orientation Info" for a quick quiz to be entered to win CSUF swag for your first semester! Winners will be notified via CSUF student email with instructions to pick up their prize!

As always, you can see your academic advisor's contact information [online here](#) for any questions regarding your schedule or program requirements.

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# UPCOMING DEADLINES

## GRAD 700 (With No Late Fees)

- February 3

## Spring 2023 Graduation Check

- February 13

## Leave of Absence Submission Deadline

- February 21

## FAFSA For Priority Financial Aid

- March 2

## Summer 2023 Graduation Check

- March 13

## Commencement 2023 Registration

- April 1 to 26

## Spring Thesis/Dissertation Submission

- April 28
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# UNABLE TO ATTEND A SEMESTER?

All continuing graduate students must maintain continuous enrollment. We do not offer a Stop Out semester for graduate students. If you are unable to attend a semester, you will need to submit a **Leave of Absence**, which must be requested before Spring classes begin. You can find our request form and more information on our website, linked [online here](#).

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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. These Writing Appointments will be available for the Spring 2023 semester starting from February 6th-May 19th. See [our website](#) for more details and to book once available.

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# 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 will be available on [our website](#). We can't wait to hear more about your research!

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## 2023-2024 SALLY CASANOVA AND CDIP APPLICATION

Are you interested in future doctoral studies, particularly a PhD? The Sally Casanova Scholarship and CDIP Program are great mentorship and funding opportunities for students who are planning to apply to or in the process of applying to doctorate programs.

### **Sally Casanova Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students as they prepare to apply for doctorate programs and can cover travel funds as well application fees. **Note applicants need at least one**

**additional semester as a CSU student in the FA23-SP24 academic year to be eligible for this application cycle.** See more details about this opportunity on our [Sally Casanova website](#) and sign up for an information session to learn more! The campus application deadline is **January 27, 2023**.

### **CDIP**

The CDIP fellowship provides professional and academic support to doctoral students aspiring to teach the diverse students of the CSU system. The CDIP provides opportunities for professional development workshops, social connection, grant and research support, and if necessary, financial assistance in the form of a forgivable loan. This opportunity is open to those applying for doctorate degrees or current doctoral students. Find out more on our [CDIP website](#). The campus application deadline is **February 10, 2023**.

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## 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](mailto:gradstudiesrecept@fullerton.edu) with a brief description and we will post it in the newsletter!

You can see our first student posting below:

### **Student Stress Calculator Survey**

The Student Stress Calculator survey is being carried out to assess the stress levels of students to help bring mental health awareness in academic settings. You can take the survey, linked [online here!](#)

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## SPRING EVENTS

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

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# 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!](#)

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## FOLLOW US TO STAY IN THE KNOW



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



# SPRING 2023

## Upcoming Events - GSC and Campus Partners

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JAN

### Sally Casanova Info Session

Learn more about the Sally Casanova Scholarship for students interested in doctoral studies. Register for the info session [online here](#) and see more about the scholarship [online here](#).

4:00PM - 5:00PM, ZOOM

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JAN

### Welcome Back to Spring 2023

Drop by the GSC in LH-216 from 10a-7p for some grab and go snacks to get you through the first day of classes!

ALL DAY, LH - 216

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JAN

### Cal State Apply Workshop

This workshop will guide you through the Cal State Apply application so you can hit submit on that grad school application. Register [online here](#).

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, ZOOM

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FEB

### Grad Student Mixer

Calling all current CSUF grad students! Come and meet other grad students on campus and build your CSUF community.

5:00PM - 7:00PM, LH - 216

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FEB

### Writing a Winning Statement of Purpose

Join the Career Center and Graduate Studies Center to learn how to strengthen and what to include in a statement of purpose for graduate school. You may join us in LH - 208 or via Zoom [online here](#).

4:00PM - 5:00PM, HYBRID

# SPRING 2023

## Upcoming Events - GSC and Campus Partners

6:00PM - 7:00PM, ZOOM

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FEB

### Grad School 101

Interested in applying to grad school but not sure where to start? Register [online here](#) to go over the basics and how to start your journey.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, ZOOM

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FEB

### Navigating a Career Transition

Attend this Career Center workshop to learn effective strategies for before, during and after a career change to help you be successful. Register [online here](#).

2:00PM - 3:00PM, ZOOM

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FEB

### Alumni Spotlight: Day in the Life of a Biostatistician

Come learn about what a biostatistician does, and if this is a career you would like to pursue. Register for this Career Center workshop [online here](#).

5:00PM - 6:00PM, ZOOM

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FEB

### Learning to Write Clear and Concise

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](#)!

VARIETY, ZOOM

FINANCIAL  
AID

### Financial Aid FAFSA/CDA Workshops

CSUF's Financial Aid Office is hosting many workshops throughout January, February, and March guiding you through the FAFSA/CDA application. Remember graduate students can also apply for FAFSA/CDA each year. The Financial Aid Office can help you get started, see all available dates and registration info [online here](#).