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Subject: Grad Academics with Employment - COVID-19 Vaccinations
Date: March 2, 2021 at 5:33:15 PM PST



Good evening,

You are receiving this email because you are graduate employee who we believe is eligible for vaccination under Phase 1B. Over the next few days, we will be generating letters verifying your status. These letters serve as proof of eligibility under Phase 1B should you wish to obtain a vaccine through a retail pharmacy location currently vaccinating 1B-Education eligible people. Each of these letters is customized with your name sent to just you, and while this is an automated process, it will still take multiple days to process. So, please do not worry if a friend, roommate, or labmate gets a letter before you. If by Monday March 8, you still have not gotten your letter and you believe you are eligible as someone who does work for the university, please submit a ticket through the Employee Experience Center (EEC) — visit <https://uci.service-now.com/eec> > General > General Inquiry. It will get to our staff, and they will be able to check your eligibility.

In the meantime, if you have urgent questions or needs related to these letters or have general questions about UCI's COVID response, please direct them to UCI's COVID Response Center at covid19@uci.edu or 949.824.9918. Phone lines are staffed Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

While we remain grateful that the county is allowing vaccinations of our education workers here at UCI, we continue to be vigilant and await the day that all students and all people can obtain protection. Please continue to physically distance, wash your hands, and wear your face coverings.

Sincerely,

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Dean of the Graduate Division

From: "Gillian Hayes - Vice Provost and Graduate Division Dean" <zotmail@uci.edu>
Subject: Graduate Division Update From Dean Hayes: February 26, 2021
Date: February 26, 2021 at 7:08:04 PM PST
To: "Post Docs, Graduate Division, all-Graduate Students" <zotmail@uci.edu>



Dear Graduate Students and Postdocs,

A consistent thing happened in my meetings both yesterday and today in which people kept asking me if the week was flying by for me. I have to admit it was. Somehow, last week that was only 4 work-days felt like about 10, and this week that was a full 5 felt like 2. So, humor me and let me know if the week flew by for you as well. Perhaps it is because we are nearing the end of Winter quarter, and those projects and final papers--either that you are submitting or that you are grading--are coming due. Perhaps it is the lovely weather we had this week. Perhaps it is the hope that is so palpable in the air as Covid-19 rates go down. Whatever it is, I hope you are feeling good at the end of this week.

Vaccinations

This has been a busy week for vaccination here in Orange County:

- Orange County is now in Phase 1B, and if you are employed the university, you are now eligible to use retail pharmacy locations under Phase 1B vaccination rules set by the county and state. If you are able to obtain an appointment at a retail pharmacy location, we encourage you to use those. Not only will this allow you to obtain your free vaccine as quickly as possible, but it can take the load off the system at UCI for those who are not able to utilize those locations.
- For **students who are coming to campus** as part of research restart and other activities, your programs and schools have been collecting those data and sharing them centrally. You may not hear directly from them, because much of these data have already been collected previously. Please do not stress if you do not talk to someone from your department about these efforts. Some of you have already been offered a vaccine through UCI as part of these programs. Others are coming as we work through our limited supplies.
- We also continue to work to understand how we may be allowed, either via retail locations or through UCI vaccine clinics, to **cover those of you who are not employed by the university**. Bear with us as we continue to work with the county and state to develop plans. Additional vaccine information for Orange County:
 - <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccination-distribution>
 - <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources>
 - <https://abc7news.com/covid-vaccine-california-tracker-ca-newsom-update/9567632/>
- If you **live outside of Orange County**, we strongly encourage you to find your local vaccine priorities, availability, and processes and get your vaccine from any available local source. There should be no charge no matter where you go.

Nationwide, our vaccination rates are looking better and better in the US, which should give everyone some hope for a "normal" or "new normal" future. You can track vaccination rates here: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/01/28/960901166/how-is-the-covid-19-vaccination-campaign-going-in-your-state>

Worldwide data are available here: <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations>

Applications for the 2021-2022 California Community College Internship Program (CCCIP) are due March 29, 2021

- \$1,000 stipend will be provided to all selected interns that complete the program.
- Eligibility Requirements:
- For more details please visit <https://www.grad.uci.edu/academics/programs-internships.php> or contact Andrea Bannigan, CCCIP Coordinator at alanders@uci.edu

Funding Opportunities

- *Solutions that Scale Graduate Fellowships*

Deadline is: March 19, 2021: <https://sites.ps.uci.edu/solutions/>

- Dan David Prize
Deadline is March 10, 2021: <https://www.dandavidprize.org/>
- Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society Funding Opportunity
Deadline March 15, 2021: <https://sigmaxi.fluidreview.com/>
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program
Deadline April 5, 2021: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/applicant.html>
- Microsoft Research Dissertation Grant
For more information on our offerings for students and faculty visit our Academic Programs page
- PHI BETA KAPPA International Scholarships
Deadline April 16, 2021: <https://grad.uci.edu/funding/fellowships-awards/internal/phi-beta-kappa.php>
- Office of Science Graduate Student Research Program
Deadline May 5, 2021: <https://science.osti.gov/wdts/scgsr/>
- Stanford PRISM
Deadline: April 12, 2021: <https://postdocs.stanford.edu/PRISM>

2021 AGS (Associated Graduate Student) Virtual Symposium

When: Saturday, April 24th

Submit Your Proposal: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPcsy9qQzVNS18ZTGzu2F0m-6kF5U9xMHdepO1YD9fxmgKEQA/viewform>

What: The AGS Symposium is a competition hosted by UC Irvine's Associated Graduate Students. It showcases the research and accomplishments of all students in the graduate division. This year, we have over \$6,000 in gift card awards for participants and raffles for audience members. Additionally, all participants will receive a complimentary \$25 meal ticket for their participation. This is a great opportunity for graduate students to come together as a community and share their research with their peers, friends and family.

Register for New Venture Competition Presented by UCI Paul Merage School of Business

- Teams compete for \$100,000 in cash prizes
- Click here for more information: <https://merage.uci.edu/research-faculty/centers/innovation-entrepreneurship/new-venture-competiton.html>

Still Time to Register for Grad Slam Next Week!

Date: March 4, 2021 | 5 pm – 7 pm PT

Register: <https://apply.grad.uci.edu/register/GradSlam2021Registration>

Description: Join us for a unique virtual opportunity to see some of UCI's top graduate scholars show off their impressive research in a competition setting. Even though the competition will look a little different this year in a virtual format, we want YOU to be here! We started off with 50 impressive semifinals contestants and now we're down to the final 10!

Click here to learn more about our 10 incredible finalists!: <https://grad.uci.edu/gradslam/GradslamFinalists2021.php>

Job Opportunity: Transfer Edge Teaching Assistant/Discussion Leader Position Discussion Leaders are graduate student leaders who run a discussion section once a week with "X number" transfer students during Summer Session II 2021

As a discussion leader, you will facilitate the learning process for students, help students develop meaningful connections with their peers, and serve as a role model/mentor to all students enrolled in University Studies 4. This course is tied to SSI's Transfer Edge Summer Program. Together with the instructor, your primary responsibility is to lead productive discussion sections that serve to complement the learning that takes place both in the University Studies 4 course and through participation in the many Transfer Edge-sponsored co-curricular activities.

The successful discussion leader will meet and commit to the following requirements:

1. Participate in Discussion Leader Training
2. Lead a discussion section once a week during Summer Session II
3. Commit 10 hours a week to preparing and facilitating a discussion group, attending class lectures, reviewing student work, maintaining class records, and attending weekly discussion leader meetings
4. Maintain attendance and assignment records for all discussion section students
5. Communicate effectively with students, peers, and staff
6. Have experience working effectively on a team
7. Serve as a positive role model and mentor
8. Be flexible and able to deal effectively with change
9. Have an understanding of and experience working with diverse populations
10. Have experience facilitating group discussion and peer learning

As a successful discussion leader, you will be provided with the following opportunities:

1. Share information and be a valuable resource to incoming UCI students
2. Serve as a role model and mentor to incoming UCI students
3. Strengthen your teamwork, leadership, communication, and presentation skills
4. Interact with administrators and other professionals at UCI

5. Learn and gain hands-on experience developing meaningful learning experiences
6. Make yourself a more competitive candidate for future career opportunities

Remuneration:

\$34.20 per hour for ~60 hours (10 hours per week), ~\$2,052 total

Applications are due by March 14th @ 5 pm. To apply, please forward your CV, cover letter, and list of 3 references to:

Jonathan Alexander, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education

Professor of English, Education, and Gender & Sexuality Studies

jfalexan@uci.edu

Study Opportunity for Graduate Students

Hugo Sanchez Hernandez is recruiting for a study about how graduate students share their academic achievements with others. This study will consist of, first, a one-on-one interview conducted through Zoom (~ one hour) and, second, completing online questionnaires (~ 30 minutes), for a combined total of up to 90 minutes. Participants will be compensated with a \$10 Target gift card.

You are eligible to participate in this study:

- 1) if you are a current graduate student.
- 2) if no parent/guardian of yours has obtained a 4-year college degree.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating in this study, please email me at sanchezcrh@gmail.com.

Announcing New Summer 2021 NSF Methods CAMP (Cultural Anthropology Methods Program: Advanced Research Training for PhD Students)

Summer program offers a 3-week intensive methods training for PhD students, featuring instruction by leading methodologists.

- Application deadline is March 15, 2021
- Click here for more information: <https://methods4all.org/camp/>

Office Hours:

Monday, March 1: 2PM, with me: <https://uci.zoom.us/j/7277477057>

Tuesday, March 2: 2PM with me: <https://uci.zoom.us/j/7277477057>

Wednesday, March 3: 1PM, with Assoc Dean Rodrigo Lazo: <https://uci.zoom.us/j/7277477057>

Thursday, March 4: Noon, with Assoc Dean Jaymi Smith: <https://uci.zoom.us/j/4520706918>

Friday, March 5: 5PM with me: <https://uci.zoom.us/j/7277477057>

In Closing:

It is hard to believe that we are nearly one year from the time we all went home for just a few weeks. So much has changed while we have been gone. As we see some rays of light though, I will tell you all what I have been hearing in so many meetings and what I have been repeating to others: If we go through all this pain and we do not make serious changes on the other side, it will be a lost opportunity. We will never return to normal. For so many, what was our old normal wasn't a particularly good state of being anyway.

Kristin Armstrong, the most decorated female cyclist in US history, said "Times of transition are strenuous, but I love them. They are an opportunity to purge, rethink priorities, and be intentional about

new habits. We can make our new normal any way we want.”

It is time to start thinking about our post-pandemic lives and building the kind of post-pandemic university we want. I encourage you all, as you emerge from the trials of this year, to be mindful of how you will spend your time, to invest it wisely in issues that matter to you, to create the kind of university, society, and world that you want to live and work and study in. We have an incredible opportunity before us, and while I will miss wearing yoga pants to work every day, I look forward to seizing that opportunity with all of you.

On behalf of the Graduate Division,

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