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what’s UP with UgSP?

The UGSP Quarterly Newsletter

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About Us

Founded in 2012, the Underrepresented Graduate Students in Psychology (UGSP) is a graduate student-led organization dedicated to supporting and advocating for psychology students from underrepresented racial, linguistic, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.



We provide essential social support, mentorship, and resources to ensure all students thrive in their graduate studies. Through diverse events, committees, and outreach initiatives, UGSP fosters a strong community and champions multicultural training within the department. Our goal is to promote the recruitment, retention, and success of students from underrepresented backgrounds while also enhancing our intergroup relations. UGSP includes five committees made up of graduate students in the department, each contributing to our mission of building an inclusive and supportive environment for all.

Meet the 2024 – 2025 Board

Executive Board

- Co-President** – Riley Marshall (5th yr, Social)
- Co-President** – Xochitl Arlene Smola (5th yr, Dev)
- Vice President** – Sióbhán Glynn (5th yr, Dev)
- Secretary** – Sukriti Gupta (4th yr, BNS)
- Treasurer** – Fran Querdasi (5th yr, Dev)



left to right: Riley Marshall, Xochitl Arlene Smola, Sióbhán Glynn, Sukriti Gupta
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The Executive Board oversees UGSP’s operations, including scheduling, budgeting, and maintaining relationships with department leadership. In addition to supporting committee chairs, the board leads initiatives that amplify graduate student representation in departmental efforts. Key responsibilities include conducting the annual climate survey and advancing basic needs initiatives to ensure a supportive environment for our community.

Committees

Brown Bag

Co-Chairs – Christina Huber (4th yr, Social) & Gil Moreu (4th yr, Social)

This committee organizes talks, workshops, and events led by faculty and students from underrepresented backgrounds or those specializing in diversity-related research. Through this series and other initiatives, graduate students have the opportunity to connect with prominent faculty, fostering a sense of social connection and community within the psychology department.



left to right: Christina Huber, Gil Moreu

Join committee!

High School Outreach

Co-Chairs – Megha Nagaswami (4th yr, Clinical) & Ava Trimble (3rd yr, Dev)

This committee is dedicated to supporting underrepresented high school students and their families. Through educational experiences and workshops, we provide guidance on the college application process and knowledge of adolescent brain development, aiming to empower students with essential information and resources for academic success.



left to right: Megha Nagaswami, Ava Trimble

Join committee!

Social

Chair – Sydney Tran (2nd yr, Social)



The Social Committee plans and

coordinates events year-round to foster a sense of community among students. In addition to organizing social gatherings, we support the creation and programming of affinity groups. These activities provide opportunities for students to engage with others who share similar experiences and to build lasting connections within the department.

Transfer Outreach Committee

Chair – Remus Mitchell (2nd yr, Quant)



This committee is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the experience of UCLA’s diverse transfer student population. A central goal is to assist transfer students in navigating their undergraduate journey by providing resources, tools, and information to help them set and achieve their future goals. We organize events and foster community-building between undergraduate and graduate students, creating a supportive network for transfers as they transition into university life.

Undergraduate Outreach Committee

Co-Chairs – Jasmine Hernández (3rd yr, Dev) & Alice Xu (3rd yr, Dev)

This committee offers various initiatives to support and inform undergraduate students about graduate studies as one possible career path. In addition to organizing informational panels, we host events like the Research Assistant Recruitment Event, CV/resume review workshops, and professional development office hours, for undergraduates to gain insights related to career development and the graduate school experience.



left to right: Alice Xu, Jasmine Hernández

For board member bios, please visit our [website](#)
To get in touch with a specific board member, please [email](#) us

Upcoming Events

*Denotes outreach event to advertise to networks

Nov. 14th

***Undergraduate Transfer Student Craft Social**
Promote this social event to your transfer students
(Pritzker 3517 from 4-6pm)!

Deadline for Psych Grad Mentorship Program

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Past Issues

Nov. 15th

Share grad school experience and build lasting relationships by signing up to be a mentee or mentor

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Program details & sign-up [here!](#)

Nov. 16th

Hammer Museum Hobby Swap
Open to all psychology graduate students
Event details & RSVP [here!](#)

Nov. 18th

***Annual UGSP RA Recruitment Event**
Virtually connecting undergraduate students with labs in need of research assistants for the academic year

Nov. 22nd

Join a Psych Grad Student Affinity Group!
We have been working to create and support affinity groups to build a stronger sense of community and connection. Which groups would be most supportive for you? Complete this [interest form](#) by the 22nd!

Nov. 18 & 25th

***Virtual College Essay Office Hours**
Grad student volunteers will briefly review local high school students' college essays. Interested in volunteering? Email Ava atrimble@ucla.edu

Stay up to date with our events on the Psychology Department Calendar!

Department Calendar



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