

## Joint Task Force on the Future of Graduate Programs and Graduate Student Support

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The Joint Task Force on the Future of Graduate Programs and Graduate Student Support (JTFGPGSS), co-charged by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Darnell Hunt and Academic Senate Chair Jessica Cattelino, will create a UCLA plan for the future of graduate programs and graduate student support, given the University of California's mandated responsibility for the State's research enterprise and academic graduate education. Members will consider longstanding structural issues and also the new reality of graduate education in light of recent collective bargaining agreements with graduate student workers. The task force will recommend answers to questions such as:

1. What should be the relationship between graduate student paid labor and educational training? What changes to current policy and practice are required to fit this emerging vision and also harmonize with graduate student employee contracts? How can UCLA best differentiate between graduate student research for academic credit and research performed for wages? How should the campus and the UC allocate responsibility for the increased costs of graduate student funding?
2. What should be the relationship between graduate degree programs and undergraduate degree programs (e.g., with regard to enrollment management, teaching, and research mentoring)?
3. How will UCLA meet the state [mandate](#) for enrollment growth in state-supported degree programs, "to meet state workforce needs, expand research capacity, support undergraduate learning, and grow and diversity future researchers and [the] professoriate"?
4. What is the best balance of academic graduate programs, professional graduate programs, and self-supporting graduate degree programs in order for UCLA to advance its academic mission (of research, teaching, and service) through inclusive excellence?
5. Graduate student support is being restructured. What should be the role of the faculty in determining student support through departmental funding packages, including fellowships? In what ways will changes to the graduate student support structure affect campuswide fellowship programs and external graduate student grants and fellowships?
6. Many matters of graduate student education and funding fall outside of labor contracts. What issues remain unaddressed that require the attention of the campus in the coming months and years? For example, does the Joint Task Force wish to recommend systemwide changes to the structure of tuition and fees and their remission?
7. How should the campus evaluate the size and purpose of graduate degree programs, going forward?

In making recommendations to answer these questions, the Joint Task Force will consider how changes to graduate programs and graduate student support might affect UCLA's role as an R1 research institution.

The Joint Task Force will begin work in winter quarter of the 2022-23 academic year and produce recommendations as well as a final report by the end of fall quarter of the 2023-24 academic year.

### Membership:

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