

# GSC NEWSLETTER

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2 Doctoral Programs | 18 Master Programs | 5 Teaching Credentials | 3 Teaching Certificates





# DID YOU KNOW?

## GRADUATE STUDIES AT CSUB BY THE NUMBERS

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**68**

68% of our Graduate Students are First Generation

**62**

62% of our Graduate Students are Hispanic/Latino

**70**

70% of our Graduate Students are Female

**92**

92% of our Graduate Students are considered In-State

**28**

28% of our Graduate Students are ages 25-29

**91**

91% of our Graduate Students are from other CA Institutions

**77**

77% of our Graduate Students attend Full-Time

**67**

67% of our graduate students are from Traditionally Underrepresented Groups

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# Welcome to the Graduate Student Center!

The GSC supports and provides numerous services and resources to prospective, current, and past graduate students at CSUB. These resources include (but are certainly not limited to) general advising, biannual graduate orientation, annual graduate summit, annual grad slam (3MT) competition, free workshops, laptop checkout, semester-by-semester GSC newsletter, graduate panel discussions, application support, Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program, California Pre-Doctoral Program, other graduate events, and when our location has concluded repairs, we will resume offering our graduate lounge, computer lab, and poster printing services. With over 20 graduate programs (including Doctoral, Master's, second Bachelor's, post Baccalaureate, and Credential programs), 19+ credentials, 6+ professional certificates, 3+ academic certificates, 1,400+ current graduate students, and 12,000+ graduate alum, our graduate programs are continually growing.



## OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Did you know CSUB has over 20 Graduate Programs?

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# 20+ Graduate Programs

1,400+ Current Graduate Students

12,000+ Graduate Alumni

### Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Educational Leadership  
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

### Teaching Credentials

Educational Administration  
Educational Counseling  
Special Education  
Teacher Education Multiple Subjects  
Teacher Education Single Subject

### Teaching Certificates

Bilingual Added Authorization (Spanish)  
Introductory Competition Science Supplementary  
Authorization  
Reading and Literacy Added Authorization

### Master's Degree

Master of Arts in Education - Curriculum & Instruction  
Master of Arts in Educational Administration  
Master of Arts in English  
Master of Arts in History  
Master of Arts in Spanish  
Master of Arts in Special Education  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Public Administration  
Master of Science in Biology  
Master of Science in Counseling Psychology  
Master of Science in Educational Counseling  
Master of Science in Geology  
Master of Science in Health Care Administration  
Master of Science in Kinesiology  
Master of Social Work



Learn more at: <https://www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter/graduate-programs>



# OPPORTUNITIES FROM BEYOND OUR CAMPUS

## Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program

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CSUB is proud to remind all of its partnership with the Kern Community College District (KCCD) and Bakersfield College (BC) to bring you an opportunity to become a Fellow!

**The Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program** provides CSUB graduate students interested in teaching at a 2-year community college with an opportunity to participate in a mentorship collaboration with a BC faculty member. In addition, these CSUB graduate students will gain exposure to the community college culture, including best practices for teaching and supporting the diverse group of students enrolled at a rural California community college.

The Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program is open to all CSUB graduate students either in the last semester of their graduate programs or have recently graduated. Additionally, CSUB graduate students that:

- Come from underrepresented minority groups,
- Possess a passion for serving a diverse student body and exploring culturally relevant and inclusive teaching practices,
- Or are interested in pursuing a tenure-track position at a 4-year college or university are highly encouraged to apply!

When applying, make sure that your application packet includes the following:

- 5 Professional References
- Cover Letter
- Current Resume
- Sample Syllabus
- Statement on your Philosophy of Teaching
- Transcripts (Official or Unofficial)

Though not required, it is highly recommended that you also submit the following:

- Letter of Recommendation
- Statement on your Diversity Philosophy

Including these in your application makes it stand out from the rest!

For further information, please refer to [the program brochure](#) or [the program website](#). If any questions remain, please do not hesitate to reach out to Lead Faculty Coordinator of the program, [Dr. Maria Wright](#).



**Sally Cassanova Scholars California Pre-Doctoral Program** is designed to increase diversity within the pool of university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of students in the California State University (CSU). Travel funds, development funds, and summer research opportunities enable students to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs in their chosen field of study.

The 2026-27 application cycle will open mid-academic year, with a February 2026 deadline. **Additional Pre-Doctoral program and deadline information here.**

**The California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)** is a forgivable loan program that aims to increase the number of promising doctoral students applying for future CSU instructional faculty positions. In addition to a forgivable loan, the program offers mentorship by CSU faculty as well as mini-grants and travel funds to support collaborative teaching, research, and service.

The application period for the CDIP program will open late December/early January and completed applications are due in February 2026.

### Congratulations to our Sally Cassanova Scholars:



Kenya Espinoza  
Sally Cassanova Scholar



Dayana Aguilar-Hernandez  
Honorable Mention

## Special Thanks

### Title Vb Grant - Dr. Anna Jacobsen

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## Special thank you to Dr. Anna Jacobsen for all her work and accomplishments with the Title Vb Grant!

Dr. Jacobsen received a Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP) from the National Science Foundation to fund her Ph.D. studies in Plant Biology and Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, and Behavior (EEBB) at Michigan State University. Since arriving at CSUB in 2006, her work has continued to garner support, including a prestigious NSF CAREER award and a CREST (Center for Research in Excellence in Science and Technology) grant, a collaborative project involving several CSUB professors. After serving as Director of the MS Biology program (2011-2020), she became the co-Director of an exciting new program designed to foster excellence throughout CSUB's graduate programs in the sciences.

To learn more about what was accomplished please visit:

[STEM Grad Excellence - Title Vb](#)



Learn more about Dr. Jacobsen and her accomplishments here:

<https://www.csub.edu/~ajacobsen/>



## Special Thanks

### Title Vb Grant - Adrienne Silva

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The staff at the Graduate Student Center would like to give Adrienne Silva our most sincere thanks for all her contributions to our success in the past five and half years. Adrienne joined the GSC in the spring of 2020 under the STEM Grad Excellence Title Vb Grant as a Graduate Adviser/Analyst. In her role, Adrienne participated in numerous Graduate and Professional School Fairs both virtually and travelling to far away locations like Puerto Rico, Chicago, San Diego and locally here in town. She was a dedicated adviser to undergraduate and prospective graduate students and provided invaluable resources to apply to graduate school at CSUB or outside of CSUB. We still hear from time to time from CSUB alumni thanking Adrienne for her assistance in completing their educational goals and achievements.

Under the Title Vb grant, Adrienne coordinated workshops and edited recordings you can find in the GSC You Tube channel she created. She was an integral part of our Zoom virtual events like the inaugural Graduate Studies Summit. You can find all our recorded workshops in our [Events and Workshops page](#).



Adrienne also assisted graduate program directors, faculty and staff with data collection, tracking, coding, reporting, you name it. These are vital reports used to report on CSUB's graduation and retention rates. Last but not least, she developed and contributed to our GSC and STEM Grad Excellence websites with her excellent technical skills. To view Adrienne's contributions to our websites, you can visit: [The Graduate Student Center](#) and [STEM Grad Excellence](#)

Adrienne will be sorely missed in the Graduate Student Center. Fortunately for us, she is still working as an adviser at CSUB's Extended Education Division

MEET THE ASI DIRECTOR  
OF GRADUATE STUDENTS:

**MARIO ENRIGUEZ**



**Are you a graduate student? Mario is here to represent you!**

Come meet with him to express any concerns you may have, or just for a general chat!

**Wednesdays:**

**3PM - 5PM:** ASI Office in the Student Union.

**Thursdays :**

**12PM - 2PM:** Grad Lab (BDC 262) and via Zoom:  
<https://csup.zoom.us/j/88697764678>.



## **MENTORING**

Did you know? CSUB has a mentor program available for graduate students. The Runner Alumni Mentor Program (RAMP) pairs graduate students with a CSUB alumni professional for an academic year of career-preparation coaching. Join here: [Runner Alumni Mentor Program](#)



## **20k GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND MORE**

Did you know you can apply for the Graduate Equity Fellowship (GEF) Program? This program awards graduate students \$500-\$2,000 per academic year. You can learn more about this fellowship program (as well as many other graduate student funding opportunities and resources) by visiting the Graduate Student Center's [Funding Opportunities & Resources website](#).

# Spring 2026

## New Graduate Student Orientation



**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY, 15TH  
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
VIA ZOOM**



**Welcome New Graduate Runners!**



**PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE AT:  
[CSUB.EDU/GRADUATESTUDENTCENTER/EVENTS-  
WORKSHOPS](https://csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter/events-workshops)**





Please consider joining us in our mission to serve and support prospective, current, and past CSUB graduate students by donating to Graduate Studies. Please know your generous donations (no matter how large or small) have a direct positive impact on our graduate students.

**You can donate online at: <https://give.csub.edu/gsc.shtml>**

**DONATE TO THE GSC**

# Congratulations to our Spring 2025 Graduates!



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