



# POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Postdoctoral scholars at UC Santa Barbara comprise a diverse group of approximately 300 researchers across many disciplines. Postdoctoral scholar appointments are temporary positions with fixed end dates intended to provide a full-time program that emphasizes scholarship, continued research training, and mentorship for individuals who have recently completed a doctoral degree. UCSB offers a variety of resources and opportunities to support postdocs during their time here on campus.

## KEY OFFICES & PEOPLE TO KNOW

### Academic Personnel (AP)

Your department, in conjunction with Academic Personnel, will coordinate all of your hiring paperwork and benefits processing. For more information, contact your department's Business Officer or **Billy Ko** ([billyko@ucsb.edu](mailto:billyko@ucsb.edu)) in Academic Personnel.

### Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS)

Many of our campus' postdocs are scholars coming from outside the US who will need to coordinate with OISS for visa processing and travel authorizations. Additionally, OISS offers valuable cultural programming as well as advising and referrals on a number of issues related to international scholars. For more information on J-1 visa issues, email [j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu). For more information on cultural programming, email **Chryst Yost** ([cyost@ucsb.edu](mailto:cyost@ucsb.edu)).

### Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC)

Almost all of the career and professional development programming offered through the GSRC is open to postdocs, including workshops, one-on-one advising, and campus referrals. Find out more about their services and events at [gradpost.ucsb.edu](http://gradpost.ucsb.edu) or contact **Shawn Warner-Garcia** ([warnergarcia@ucsb.edu](mailto:warnergarcia@ucsb.edu)).

### Center for Science & Engineering Partnerships (CSEP)

CSEP offers numerous opportunities for postdocs to engage in professional development activities and to gain experience in teaching, mentoring, and community engagement. For more information, visit [csep.cnsi.ucsb.edu/programs/grad](http://csep.cnsi.ucsb.edu/programs/grad) or email **Arica Lubin** ([alubin@ucsb.edu](mailto:alubin@ucsb.edu)).

## OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES

### Housing

Single postdocs are eligible to apply for housing in the San Clemente Center, and postdocs with partners and/or children are eligible to apply for housing in UCSB's Family Student Housing residences. Priority for both of these communities goes to full-time students, and spots fill up quickly, so it is recommended to apply as soon as possible. Postdocs may also receive guidance on off-campus housing options through the Community Housing Office.

San Clemente:

[housing.ucsb.edu/contracts/post-doctoral-student-application](https://housing.ucsb.edu/contracts/post-doctoral-student-application)

Family Student Housing:

[housing.ucsb.edu/contracts/family-students](https://housing.ucsb.edu/contracts/family-students)

Community Rental Listings: [rentallistings.housing.ucsb.edu](https://rentallistings.housing.ucsb.edu)

### Children's Center

Our campus supports 2 Children's Centers that offer childcare for student, staff, faculty, and community families. The Center is heavily utilized by our community, so we recommend getting on the waitlist early (e.g. as soon as you have a due date for childbirth or a placement date for adoption).

[childrenscenter.sa.ucsb.edu](https://childrenscenter.sa.ucsb.edu)

Questions about enrollment: [Sandi.Quinly@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:Sandi.Quinly@sa.ucsb.edu)

### Recreation Center

The Department of Recreation's facility, known as the Rec Cen, offers a variety of fitness spaces, classes, and programs for which postdocs can purchase memberships. Access to the Rec Cen facilities may be purchased through a membership, or postdocs can sign up for individual classes and programs as well.

[recreation.ucsb.edu](https://recreation.ucsb.edu)

### Beyond Academia

The Beyond Academia conference at UC Santa Barbara is an annual event aimed at preparing graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in all stages and disciplines to pursue a wide range of career options after graduate school. Postdocs are invited to attend the annual conference and to get involved with the planning committee.

[beyondacademiaucsb.org](https://beyondacademiaucsb.org)

For more information: [contact@beyondacademiaucsb.org](mailto:contact@beyondacademiaucsb.org)

### Library

Located at the center of campus, the UCSB Library is the academic and cultural hub for students and scholars. It is part of the 10-campus University of California Library System which houses more than 45 million volumes, making it one of the largest research libraries in the United States. Postdocs can access numerous collections and exhibits in the Library, as well as subject librarians to provide guidance on resources that support their research.

[library.ucsb.edu](https://library.ucsb.edu)

### Academic & Staff Assistance Program (ASAP)

The UCSB Academic & Staff Assistance Program (ASAP) supports the health and well-being of faculty, staff, and family members. They assist with identifying, managing, and resolving work-related and personal concerns that may affect job performance and relationships. They offer confidential short-term counseling, consultation, wellness workshops, and assistance with threat management.

[hr.ucsb.edu/asap](https://hr.ucsb.edu/asap)

### Transportation & Parking Services (TPS)

Transportation & Parking Services is an innovative and self-sustaining department that supports the UCSB mission by providing safe and reliable parking, fleet services, and transportation alternatives to the campus community. Postdocs can purchase campus parking permits and sign up for a number of commuter programs designed to promote sustainability and ease of access to the campus.

[tps.ucsb.edu](https://tps.ucsb.edu)

## STAY CONNECTED

To be added to the **UCSB Postdoc Listserv**, please email **Billy Ko** ([billyko@ucsb.edu](mailto:billyko@ucsb.edu)) in Academic Personnel.

## MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Graduate Division's Postdoctoral Scholars Resource Page: [gradpost.ucsb.edu/postdocs](https://gradpost.ucsb.edu/postdocs)