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Graduate school admissions assistance is available. Information and strategic planning on the application process and statements of purpose is provided to students.

**Academic Support**

Assistance in planning for personal and academic success, professional development, and post-graduation plans.

**Mentoring**

Is undertaken by the Director of the Graduate Diversity Program, the staff, and campus Diversity Directors on an ongoing basis.

**Advising and Counseling**

- Available to all currently enrolled students and those considering applying to UC Berkeley.
- Advising on financial planning and funding.

**Outreach**

- The Graduate Diversity Program staff visits colleges and universities across the country to encourage students to apply to Berkeley.
- The Graduate Diversity Program co-ordinates various outreach conferences and events to provide students opportunities to visit the Berkeley campus or learn more about what Berkeley has to offer.