

WHAT IS THE FORUM?

The California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education is an all-day program designed to acquaint students from underrepresented groups with the academic and career opportunities associated with advanced study in a wide range of disciplines.

WHAT DOES THE FORUM HAVE TO OFFER YOU?

- A wide range of informative workshops where you can receive answers to your own specific questions
- Representatives from over 100 of the nation's leading graduate schools
- FREE access to The Princeton Review's on-line GRE prep course (a \$500 value)
- COMPLIMENTARY lunch and round-trip transportation from your home campus to the location of the Forum



Dr. Donna Nelson (Cherokee/Chickasaw), Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Oklahoma and a nationally recognized advocate of diversity, will be the Keynote Speaker.

WHAT TOPICS DO THE WORKSHOPS COVER?

The Forum program includes informational workshops on the following topics:

- Preparing and Applying to Graduate School
- Selecting the Right Graduate School
- Finding Funding for Graduate School
- Writing a Winning Statement of Purpose
- Preparing for the GRE
- Undergraduate Research in Graduate Admissions
- Managing Your Disability
- Success and Survival in Graduate School
- The Relation of the Master's Degree to the Ph.D.

The Forum program includes discipline-based workshops as well:

- Physical Sciences and Mathematics
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Life Sciences
- Nursing and the Allied Health Fields
- Social Sciences
- Education
- Humanities
- Business and Finance (Ph.D. level only)

The Forum does *not* cover such professional fields as medicine, optometry, dentistry, chiropractic, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, and law.



Recruiter Fair at Mills College in October 2006

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Because space is limited, attendance at the Forum is by invitation only. Students are selected by their home campuses using the following criteria:

- Sophomore, junior, or senior class standing or candidacy for a master's degree
- Grade-point average
- Promise of success in graduate work
- Faculty recommendations
- Membership in a group underrepresented in higher education

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, HOW CAN YOU ATTEND?

Each participating campus may invite a specified number of students. Please contact your campus representative:

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE FORUM BE HELD?

The California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education is held twice each academic year, in Northern California in early November and in Southern California in April. The next two Forums have been scheduled:

- Northern California: November 8, 2008, at the University of California, Berkeley
- Southern California: April 25, 2009, at California State University, San Marcos



San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate from the UC Berkeley Campus

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WHICH INSTITUTIONS SEND STUDENTS?

University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Merced
University of California, Santa Cruz

California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo
California State University, Chico
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Sacramento
California State University, Stanislaus
Humboldt State University
San Francisco State University
San José State University
Sonoma State University

Dominican University of California
Holy Names College
John F. Kennedy University
Mills College
National Hispanic University
Notre Dame de Namur University
St. Mary's College
Santa Clara University
Stanford University
University of San Francisco
University of the Pacific

For general questions, please contact UC Berkeley NERDS Director Diana Lizarraga (ladiana@berkeley.edu or 510-643-8978). To request accommodations for disability, please contact Disability Resolution Officer Dr. Derek Coates (esc@berkeley.edu or 510-642-2795) by October 1, 2008. The Disability Access Services Web site is: <http://access.berkeley.edu>.

THINKING OF GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL?

THEN YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE:



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University of California, Berkeley