

## BERKELEY FAMILY HOUSING

About half of Berkeley's graduate student parents live in university housing at University Village in nearby Albany. Over 900 family housing units are available for student families (undergraduate and graduate), from one-bedroom/one-bath to three-bedroom/two-bath apartments. As wait-lists are common, register your interest as early as possible, even before arriving on campus.

Phone: (510) 642-4109 Email: [apts@berkeley.edu](mailto:apts@berkeley.edu)  
<http://housing.berkeley.edu/livingatcal/studentsfamilies.html>

## NETWORKS

### STUDENT PARENT PROGRAMS

Student Parent Programs provides information, child care referrals, problem solving counseling, and advocacy for the needs of student parents. It offers a central, cheerful, inviting space for student parents who need to be on campus with their children, a relaxing area for nursing, opportunities to network with other student parents, and access to office and kitchen facilities.

Transfer, Re-entry, and Student Parent Center  
100 Cesar Chavez Student Center  
Phone: (510) 643-5729  
Email: [studentparents@berkeley.edu](mailto:studentparents@berkeley.edu)  
<http://studentparents.berkeley.edu>

### GRADUATE ASSEMBLY (GA)

The graduate student government sponsors programs to support graduate student parents. For more information, see:

<https://ga.berkeley.edu/projects/gspa>

### BERKELEY PARENTS NETWORK

Created by UC Berkeley graduate students in 1993, this independent, free, volunteer-run online community offers parent-to-parent advice and local referrals via email newsletters, on childcare, pediatricians, schools, and much more. To subscribe to the newsletters, visit:

[http://parents.berkeley.edu/mlist\\_bpn.html](http://parents.berkeley.edu/mlist_bpn.html)



## QUESTIONS?

Berkeley Graduate Division is here to help. After consulting your departmental Graduate Student Adviser, and checking out these resources, if you have more questions or need assistance, contact:

**The Office of the Dean  
of the Graduate Division**  
424 Sproul Hall  
Berkeley, CA 94720-5900  
Phone: (510) 642-5472

[grad.berkeley.edu](http://grad.berkeley.edu)  
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## FAMILIES MATTER

### A Resource Guide for Graduate Student Parents

About one in ten of Berkeley's graduate population is a student parent. UC Berkeley recognizes that a family-friendly academic culture is essential to the success and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff. The University is committed to supporting policies, programs, and services to help graduate student parents meet their family care obligations while they pursue their academic goals.

This brochure offers an overview of resources to help graduate students balance academic and family responsibilities.

<http://grad.berkeley.edu/students/>

## ACADEMIC POLICIES

The Graduate Council of the Academic Senate has approved academic accommodation policies designed to be supportive of doctoral students expecting to give birth and of all graduate students with substantial parenting responsibilities. For details, see:

<http://grad.berkeley.edu/policy/degrees-policy/#f51-graduate-council-student-parent-policies>

## CHILD CARE

### THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (ECEP)

ECEP offers spaces for approximately 75 children of student parents (3 months to 5 years). A high quality curriculum coupled with experienced and passionate teachers creates a nurturing and supportive environment for UC Berkeley's youngest students. Subsidies are available based on family size and income using a sliding scale set by the State Department of Education. Partial tuition grants may be awarded to a limited number of students not eligible for subsidy. Enrollment is limited and cannot be guaranteed, so apply as early as possible. For more information and applications, see:

2339 Haste Street, Phone: (510) 642-1827  
<http://ece.berkeley.edu/students>

### EMERGENCY BACK-UP CHILD CARE PILOT PROGRAM

Parents who are currently registered UCB students are eligible for up to 60 hours per year of highly-subsidized back-up child care from a leading nationwide provider of care services (on a first-come, first-served basis). This back-up program helps student parents when their regular child care arrangements are unavailable and they need to attend to academic responsibilities on campus, at home, or away. For more information, see:

<http://backupchildcare.berkeley.edu/>



## UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

### INSURANCE ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS

University Health Services (UHS) offers periodic workshops and individual counseling to assist students with dependents in choosing among private insurance options as well as federal and state public health programs. Berkeley SHIP members also have a dependent insurance option available. Contact the Student Health Insurance Advisor at UHS:

University Health Services, Tang Center  
2222 Bancroft Way, 3rd floor, Phone: (510) 642-5742  
<http://uhs.berkeley.edu/students/insurance/families.shtml>

### BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Health\*Matters program of University Health Services sponsors lactation rooms at more than a half-dozen locations on campus and offers information and classes on breastfeeding, discounts on personal electric breast pumps, and supportive counseling.

University Health Services, Tang Center  
2222 Bancroft Way, 3rd floor, Phone: (510) 643-4646  
Email: [hmatters@uhs.berkeley.edu](mailto:hmatters@uhs.berkeley.edu)  
<http://uhs.berkeley.edu/facstaff/healthmatters/breastfeeding.shtml>

## FINANCIAL AID

### GRADUATE STUDENT PARENT GRANT

Registered graduate student parents (single or married) with dependent children may apply for a need-based award funded by the Graduate Division. This grant may be applied toward housing, dependent health insurance, child care, and/or fee and tuition costs. For more information and applications, see:

<http://grad.berkeley.edu/life/families.shtml>

### REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHERS

Reimbursement for child care expenses is available to eligible GSRs for expenses incurred during the regular academic terms (Fall and Spring semesters) and Summer Session appointments. For more information, see link to application at:

<http://grad.berkeley.edu/financial/families/>

### REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC STUDENT EMPLOYEES (GSIs, READERS, TUTORS)

Reimbursement for child care expenses is available to eligible Academic Student Employees (ASEs) as governed by the current UAW contract. For more information, see:

<http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/labor/bargaining-units/bx/contract.html>

### FAMILY-RELATED ASE CONTRACT POLICIES

Academic Student Employees (ASEs) are eligible for certain parental leave policies governed by the UAW contract. For more information, see:

<http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/labor/bargaining-units/bx/contract.html>