

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?

- The opportunity to meet with representatives from **over 100** of the nation's **leading graduate schools**
- The opportunity to attend a variety of informative **workshops** and receive answers to your own specific questions
- **FREE** access to The Princeton Review's on-line GRE prep course (approximately a \$500 value)
- **COMPLIMENTARY** lunch and transportation from your home campus to and from the location of the Forum



The opening Plenary Session at the University of California, Irvine Forum in April 2008

WHAT TOPICS DO THE WORKSHOPS COVER?

The Forum program includes informational workshops on the following topics:

- How to Select the Right Graduate School
- How to Prepare for and Apply to Graduate School
- How to Write a Winning Statement of Purpose
- How to Prepare for the GRE
- Sources of Funding for Graduate School
- The Role of Undergraduate Research in Graduate Admissions
- The Relation of the Master's Degree to the Ph.D.
- Keys to Success and Survival in Graduate School
- Graduate Education for Re-Entry Students

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
- Behavioral Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Education
- Humanities
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Business and Finance (Ph.D. level only)

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

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

WHAT TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED?

Students have the option of driving to the Forum themselves or they can ride a free bus chartered by their home institution. Students should contact their campus representative concerning travel arrangements.

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 year, with a Forum in Southern California in April and a Forum in Northern California in early November. The next two Forums have been scheduled:

- Southern California: April 25, 2009, at California State University, San Marcos
- Northern California: November 7, 2009, at the University of California, Santa Cruz



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WHICH INSTITUTIONS SEND STUDENTS?

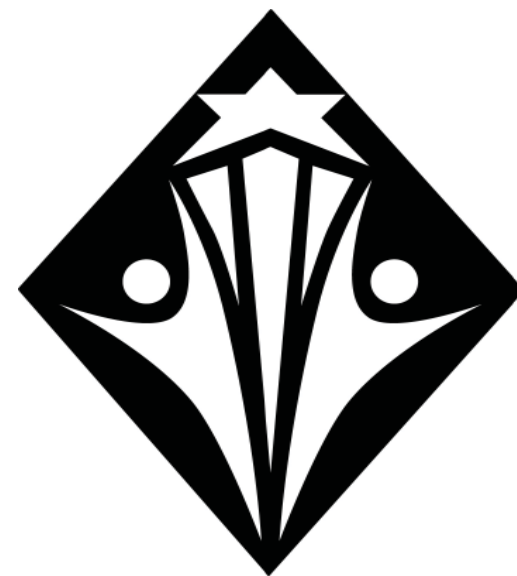
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University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Northridge
California State University, San Bernardino
California State University, San Marcos
San Diego State University

California Baptist University
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Harvey Mudd College
Keck Graduate Institute
Loyola Marymount University
Mount St. Mary's College
Occidental College
Pacific Oaks College
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Scripps College
University of La Verne
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
Whittier College

THINKING OF GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL?

THEN YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE:



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