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Hello Civil and Environmental Engineering Graduate Students,

Happy Friday— Can you believe it is already May!! Please see the weekly announcements below:

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Fellowships, Scholarships, and Graduate Positions

Fellowship programs in innovation and entrepreneurship

Our fellowship programs for UC Davis students and scholars help you explore your options, expand your capacity for innovative thinking, build your network—and begin your entrepreneurial journey. Programs run September 2019–June 2020. No cost to accepted participants.

Learn about all of our programs: <https://gsm.ucdavis.edu/entrepreneurship>

ESCSI 2020-21 John Ries Scholarship (Attached)

The Expanded Shale, Clay, and Slate Institute (ESCSI) is pleased to announce the John Ries Scholarship in Academic Year 2020-21 for undergraduate and graduate students in civil engineering

or closely related majors.

The ESCSI is the international trade association for manufacturers of rotary kiln-produced expanded shale, expanded clay and expanded slate (ESCS) lightweight aggregate. ESCSI promotes the extensive use of rotary kiln-produced lightweight aggregate in the lightweight concrete masonry and structural lightweight concrete markets, as well as use in asphalt, geotechnical and other applications. Based on research and development, educational material is disseminated to all phases of the construction industry. The association works closely with other technical organizations, such as ACI and ASTM, to maintain product quality, life-safety and professional integrity throughout the construction industry and related building code bodies.

Applications are accepted as self-nominations by undergraduate or graduate students in civil engineering or closely related majors who are enrolled in fall 2020 and will return to school for spring 2021. All applications shall be postmarked no later than **October 1, 2020**. Applications should include the following items:

1. The application form signed by the applicant (electronic signature is acceptable). This form is also available as Google Form at <https://forms.gle/xU9ykvsFbjZ4pbcx9>.
2. A one-page statement of qualifications by student describing motivation in ESCS materials; academic and career goals related to ESCS applications; planned research- or practice-based projects involving ESCS materials; and/or the value of this scholarship to achieve goals or complete projects; (letter-size, single-spaced, 1" margin, font size 12, doc or pdf)
3. Unofficial transcripts indicating the current GPA of 2.75 or higher (pdf);
4. A confidential letter of recommendation by a faculty; signed, dated, and sealed; or sent directly via email by the faculty with the subject "John Ries Scholarship".

Please send completed application and attachments, as well as any question to following address and mention "John Ries Scholarship" in the subject line of emails, or back of mail packages:

Expanded Shale, Clay and Slate Institute
35 East Wacker Dr., Suite 850
Chicago, IL 60601
info@escsi.org

Graduate Student Researcher Positions

The [Community Resource and Retention Centers](#) are pleased to announce 4 Graduate Student Researcher positions to be assigned at the [AB540 and Undocumented Student Center](#) (AB540 & USC), [Cross Cultural Center](#) (CCC), [Student Recruitment and Retention Center](#) (SRRC), and the [Women's Resource and Research Center](#) (WRRC).

For more information on each of the positions go to:

- AB540 & Undocumented Student Center: <https://bit.ly/AB540USC-graduateposition>
- CCC GSR Position Description: <https://tinyurl.com/CCCGSR19-20>

- SRRRC GSR Position Description: <https://srrc.ucdavis.edu/get-involved/selection/gaaap>
- WRRRC GSR Position Description: <https://tinyurl.com/WRRRCgsr20-21>

For any questions or additional information, feel free to contact the following:

- AB540 and Undocumented Student Center, Mayra Llamas, mallamas@ucdavis.edu
- Cross Cultural Center-Director, Chaz Cruz chzcruz@ucdavis.edu
- Student Recruitment and Retention Center, Allie - aigwe@ucdavis.edu or Krissy - klocampo@ucdavis.edu
- Women's Resources and Research Center-Director, Cecily Nelson-Alford, cnelsona@ucdavis.edu

Application Due on Monday, May 25, 2020, by 11:59 pm

Application form available here: <https://bit.ly/CRRCGSR20-21>

Qualifications

- Must be a registered graduate student in good academic standing making progress towards a degree throughout the period of service.
- Extensive knowledge of the campus resources that support graduate students.
- Demonstrated commitment to the retention of all graduate students.
- Ability to respond to a crisis by mediating conflicts and managing crisis situations.
- Experience planning and coordinating events/activities.
- Demonstrated self-motivation and the capability to work well with a diverse group of individuals.
- Ability to take initiative and work independently, with minimum supervision and structure.
- Excellent written and verbal presentation skills and technological experience for word processing, e-mail communication, and social media.

Time Commitment & Salary

The time commitment is one academic year from mid-September through mid-June. The hours are 20 per week (flexible). The academic pay period is September 14th - June 30th. The GSR position will be a 50% appointment. Step and salary will be determined per unit. Fee remission is limited to in-state fees.

Interested applicants without work authorization can reach us at ab540-undocumented@ucdavis.edu with questions. We will work to be creative to the best of our ability to support all prospective applicants to this role.

Conference

31st Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities Conference...2020 Conference VIP Contest - Win Phenomenal Prizes

Are you interested to see amazing undergraduate research projects and win prizes?

You are invited to the [31st Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities](#)

[Conference](#) on May 7-8, 2020. This year we are hosting a virtual conference with over 500 student presenters representing a wide range of research areas! [Register](#) to attend the virtual conference to watch video presentations showcasing research projects from undergraduate students at UC Davis. If you are not already involved with research, come to learn about projects and make connections to pursue your own research experience. All members of the UC Davis community are invited to attend.

As an extra incentive to encourage participation for our first virtual conference, we are excited to announce the [2020 Conference VIP \(Very Important Participant\) Contest!](#) **You do not have to be a conference presenter to be a VIP!** All currently enrolled UC Davis undergraduate and graduate students who attend the virtual conference can compete to win VIP awards for their active participation viewing and commenting on pre-recorded video presentations on May 7-8. (Presenters are already registered and also eligible to win VIP awards!)

There will be **20 VIP award winners**, with awards ranging in value from \$200-\$500. See [VIP Conference Rules and Regulations](#) for complete details. In addition we will also have a raffle with 20 prizes!

To enter the VIP contest, [register with the URC](#) by May 6th at 12:00pm and then you will **receive a personalized email invitation directly from GoReact.com** by May 6th at 5:00 pm to access the virtual conference platform during the conference dates from May 7-8, 2020. (Please check your spam/junk folder if you do not see an email from GoReact.com in your inbox by May 6 at 5:00 pm. If you are a presenter, you already have access and will not receive this email.) This email invitation contains a personalized link to join our GoReact site and **may only be used once by the recipient.**

To compete in the VIP Contest, all you have to do is attend the virtual conference on May 7-8 and watch **at least 3** videos and provide comments or ask questions to the presenter for each video watched. The more videos you watch and comment on, the more likely you will be to win a VIP award! Conference attendees (including presenters) can begin watching and commenting on research video presentations from Thursday, May 7th at 12:01am until Friday, May 8th at 11:59pm PST. We will also have raffle prizes!

[Register now](#) to see amazing research video presentations on May 7-8, 2020 and become a conference VIP!

Resources and Workshops

Student Health and Wellness Resource Sheet (Attached)

Student Health and Counseling Services' (SHCS) Health Equity Committee compiled a list of health and wellness resources for students, which includes how to access care, self-care resources and information for specific communities (attached).

You can also find this resource, along with Health Education & Promotion's printed resources and

COVID-19 educational information (including ready-to-go social media posts), on the HEP Shared Google Drive: bit.ly/hepdrive.

Graduate Student and Postdoc Job Search Support Group (Attached)

Zoom meetings--

11:00am-noon PDT

Every Tuesday in May

May 5-26, 2020

12 max participants per meeting

Come to as many group meetings as you wish.

RSVP on [Handshake](#) to receive the Zoom meeting links:

[May 5](#)

[May 12](#)

[May 19](#)

[May 26](#)

Join this virtual group to connect with other UC Davis graduate students actively seeking a full-time job during these uncertain times. Share ideas, talk to others, and give and get support. Facilitated by a career advisor and graduate student peer advisor from the Internship and Career Center.

Open to UC Davis Masters students, PhD students, Postdoctoral Scholars, and recent alumni (less than 1 year) of UC Davis Master's and PhD programs who are **actively seeking full-time employment** in any field. **All majors and fields of study** welcome. Capped at 12 participants per meeting. RSVP on Handshake to reserve a spot.

Questions: Bethany Hopkins, bjhopkins@ucdavis.edu

Chancellor's Leadership & Development Speaker Series

Join our final CLDS conversation of the year with Dr. Sheri Atkinson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Campus Community and Retention Services on **Thursday, May 7, 2:00-3:00pm** as we continue to lift the voices of the women serving in leadership positions at UC Davis and our series on mentorship in higher education. [RSVP HERE!](#) Those who register will receive a zoom link 24 hours prior to the event. **ALSO:** Attend at least two (2) of the Speaker Series for a chance to win a professional development gift bag worth up to **\$100!** For more details, contact gradassistant@ucdavis.edu.

First-Gen Grads Forum

Thursday, May 7: 12 PM

Join us for a forum geared specifically for First-Gen Grads as we discuss the effects of Covid-19, and the resulting challenges faced by First-Gen Grads. Dr. Josephine Moreno, Graduate Diversity Officer for HARCS, Social Sciences and Education is invited and looks forward to connecting with you. All who attend will be entered into a raffle to win 1 of 10 (\$100) gift certificates. [Register Here!](#)

Finding and Building Your Online Community (Attached)

Attention Grad Students + Postdocs:

A virtual workshop that I'm running next week as part of my fellowship with the [Professors for the Future program](#).

Workshop Title: *Finding and Building Your Online Community*

Workshop Date + Time: Wednesday, May 6th from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Workshop Description: The workshop will feature a panel with four experts at different parts of their academic and professional careers who have successfully built online communities.

Why Join: Learn a lot about building your online community from successful experts, benefit from their knowledge and tips on expanding your network, gain access to a resource website with additional tips, documents, and training videos, and support a fellow graduate student!

Workshop Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/OnlineCommunity20>

Questions: Contact Meghan Klastic @ mrklastic@ucdavis.edu

Preparing for remote instruction this Summer

Many graduate students work as associate instructors during summer sessions, and summer 2020 brings additional challenges with the transition to fully remote instruction. Join our multidisciplinary Teaching Assistant Consultants for a panel-style webinar on designing and adapting summer courses for remote instruction. This session will include plenty of time for participant questions.

Date & Time: **Friday, May 1st 12:00-1:00pm**

Date & Time: **Tuesday, May 19th 4:00-5:00pm**

Location: **Zoom**

[REGISTER](#)

Join Us!

Graduate Teaching Community

GTC meetings are informal, discussion-based gatherings geared toward enhancing the teaching skills of graduate student instructors. This quarter, as a group, we will be sharing experiences, information and resources to help support one another during the Spring 2020 remote teaching period.

Weekly Meeting Time: **Wednesdays, 11-11:30am**

[REGISTER](#)