

UC San Diego

DIVISION OF GRADUATE EDUCATION AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS

WHAT WE DO

The nexus of graduate education at UC San Diego, the Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA) supports nearly 1,300 postdoctoral scholars and over 9,000 students throughout their journeys: from admission to graduation and beyond. Partnering with departments, we help recruit, retain, professionally develop, and launch the world's best and brightest scholars who enroll in a broad range of academic and professional degree programs, more than 30 of which rank in the top 20 nationwide, as noted in "[America's Best Graduate Schools](#)" 2023 guidebook.

The GEPA team is a central campus resource that collaborates with students, faculty, and staff on a range of topics including recruitment and admissions, professional development, graduate student employment, fellowship support, graduation requirements, academic program reviews, student affairs, and much more. GEPA staff and student employees serve an important purpose in delivering graduate education and postdoctoral support that transforms, enriches, and inspires.

OUR PARTNERS IN YOUR DEPARTMENTS

Departmental **Graduate Coordinators** serve as the primary connection between academic schools/departments/programs and GEPA. **They are your resident experts on all things GEPA and can often answer GEPA-related questions you or your students might have.** If you're not sure who your "Grad Coord" is, check out this list of department contacts, which is maintained by GEPA and accessible via Single Sign-On (SSO): https://student-db.grad.ucsd.edu/grad_dept_prog_contacts

UNITS WITHIN GEPA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: In close collaboration with graduate programs, the staff provide assistance throughout students' academic careers by reviewing exception requests and assisting individuals near completion of their degrees, by advising students on dissertation/thesis formatting. To ensure the academic rigor of programs, the Assistant Dean manages routine program reviews, curricular changes, new degree proposals and the vetting of various faculty appointments and affiliated agreements.

ADMISSIONS: is delegated by the Dean to conduct the evaluation of applicants nominated for admission to graduate study at UC San Diego. They are a mighty team that coordinates the admissions process for over sixty graduate programs at the masters and doctoral level.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: In collaboration with academic programs, this team provisions the financial support graduate students and visiting scholars rely on from fellowships, grants, awards, and employment.

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR AFFAIRS: Provides guidance and expertise, fosters professional advancement and enriches the community for postdoctoral scholars.

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STUDENT AFFAIRS: Conducts outreach and recruitment in collaboration with graduate programs. The OAR² (Outreach, Access, Recruitment and Retention) Office was launched in 2022 and contains programs such as STARS and UC LEADS, which are key graduate preparation efforts aimed at diversifying the applicant pool for graduate study at UC San Diego. The team also supports graduate student retention and professional development through events such as Orientation, Competitive Edge, Grad SLAM, and grAdvantage.

STUDENT EMPLOYEES: Undergraduate student assistants support administrative work across all units including: communications, marketing, social media, video editing, website updating, conducting research and outreach, and managing special projects/events.

Graduate student interns provide high-level programmatic support to staff in the following areas: prospective student outreach and recruitment, professional development, student affairs, graduate education pipeline and student success programs, as well as the campus community centers. Our student employees offer unique skills and knowledge stemming from their areas of academic interest and provide valuable input based on their perspectives as current students.

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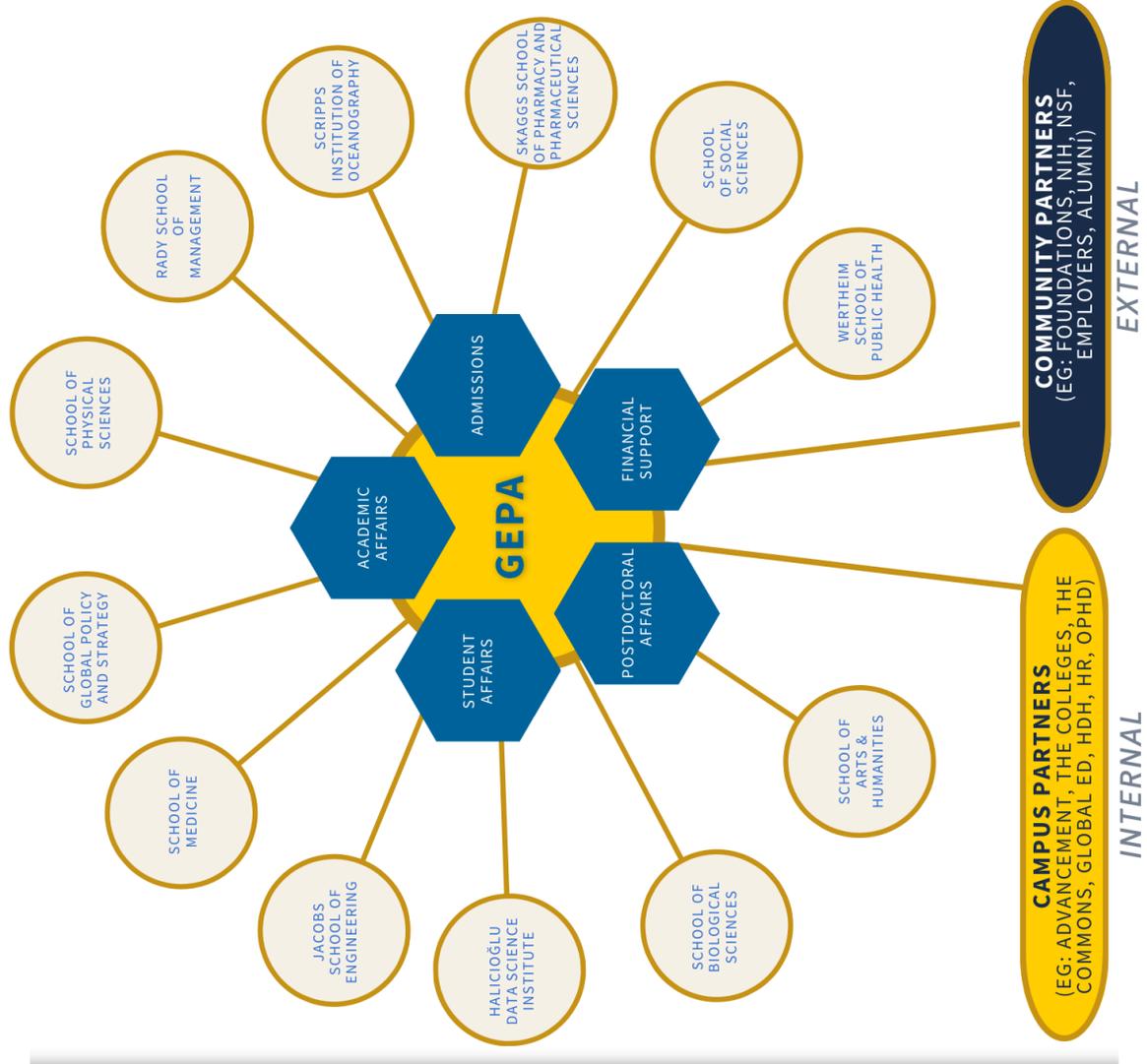
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Judy Kim is the Senior Associate Dean at GEPA and Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. As a classroom instructor, research mentor, and administrator, her top priority is to serve and support students. She has been engaged in a broad set of activities associated with graduate education, including academic progress, financial support, and faculty/student mentoring. She welcomes partnerships with units across campus to enhance the graduate student experience.



Erica Lennard is the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at GEPA. Erica's career at UC San Diego has spanned over 20 years, and prior to joining GEPA, Erica held roles in several other units across campus, including the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Department of Psychology, Qualcomm Institute (Calit2), Department of Literature, UC San Diego Extension, and California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP). She is also a proud Triton alum, earning her bachelor's degree from UC San Diego. Erica is dedicated to serving our faculty, students, and staff on campus in support of graduate education.



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