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Housing Resources

Housing in Davis can be hard to find. We suggest that you start your housing search **early**. Most leases are for a one-year term and turn over on September 1. The local paper, the Davis Enterprise, lists vacancies; see [http://davisenterprise.com](http://davisenterprise.com), click on “classifieds”, then click on “rentals.” Craigslist.org is a free online service that includes housing listings for the Greater Sacramento area; visit [http://sacramento.craigslist.org](http://sacramento.craigslist.org). Please exercise caution with this free service (watch out for scams!). DavisHousing is another online service that lists housing in Davis: [http://davishousing.com/](http://davishousing.com/). The university offers housing resources as well.

**Student Housing**

If you are a full-time student, you are eligible for a variety of student housing options outlined here: [http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/prospective/](http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/prospective/). Orchard Park and Solano Park apartments are quite popular with our graduate students ([http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/housing/apartments_orchard_solano.asp](http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/housing/apartments_orchard_solano.asp)). Priority for “The Parks” is given to students with families. Other apartments include the Atriums, the new West Village, the Colleges, and Russell Park. Popular student housing options often have waiting lists. If you are hoping to move in to student housing, you are encouraged to apply as soon as you have submitted your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

For more information or to request an application, please visit [www.housing.ucdavis.edu](http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu).

**Community Housing Listing**

The Community Housing Listing service is offered by the ASUCD (undergraduate student government) but is available to all UC Davis students and other Davis community members. You can access the service at [http://chl.ucdavis.edu/](http://chl.ucdavis.edu/).

**Paychecks & Fee Remission**

Students employed by the University or receiving a fellowship stipend will get paid once a month on the first of the month. **Your first check will not be received until November 1st.** Please plan ahead so that you have enough money to cover your expenses until your paycheck arrives. Students employed as Teaching Assistants, Associate Instructors, and Readers will receive a remission of health insurance/the student services health fee, the student services fee, and resident tuition. Local fees, including GSA fee, Memorial Union fee, facilities and campus enhancement fee, and student services safety fee, are **not** included in the fee/tuition remission. If you qualify for fee remittance based on a qualifying TA or Reader position, **expect to pay approximately $260.97 by each fee payment deadline.** (This is the rate for 2012-13.)
Updated information for 2013-2014 will be available at once the budget and 2013-14 fee/tuition rates are approved [http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu/feeremissions.cfm](http://studentaccounting.ucdavis.edu/feeremissions.cfm).

### Teaching

All new TAs must attend the New TA Orientation, put on by the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL). This is a two-part orientation that includes one half-day of training in September and one half-day training in January. Registration information and instructions will be sent out when it becomes available. In addition to orientation, the CETL provides resources throughout the year aimed at helping you manage your teaching assignments successfully and teach effectively. They offer help with technology, online tutorials, confidential consultations, and more. For more information, please visit their website at [http://cetl.ucdavis.edu/](http://cetl.ucdavis.edu/).

The department you TA for also holds a TA training in September, in addition to providing supervision, training, and support throughout the year. For more information about being a UC Davis TA, please see the Office of Graduate Studies’ TA Handbook, available at [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/publications/GS200_EmploymentHandbook.pdf](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/publications/GS200_EmploymentHandbook.pdf).

### Moving Expenses

TAs who are appointed at 50% time for the full academic year and who come to Davis from outside of California, may receive partial compensation for their moving expenses. Reimbursement, up to a maximum of $440, is based on the approximate air miles from the point of origin to the Davis campus. This reimbursement will be processed and paid by mid-November. Students who will not hold a TA position for the duration of their first year do not qualify for this reimbursement.

### Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP)

UC SHIP insurance includes medical, vision, and dental coverage for enrolled students. Medical and vision coverage are provided through Anthem Blue Cross. UC SHIP requires the use of the Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) for primary medical care.

The SHWC ([http://shcs.ucdavis.edu/about/location.html](http://shcs.ucdavis.edu/about/location.html)) provides the health and wellness resources that students need to successfully achieve their academic goals. This on-site clinical facility is available to all registered UC Davis students. SHWC staff includes board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, therapists,
dietitians and health educators. The center is subsidized by the registration fees of students allowing services to be provided at discounted rates. Services include preventative/self care, primary care and specialty care. Urgent, same-day and scheduled appointments are available depending on the severity of the health problem.

For detailed information on medical, vision, and dental coverage, see the Student Health & Counseling Services website http://shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance/ucship/. The 2012-13 UC SHIP PDF booklet can be found at https://wfis.wellsfargo.com/ProductServices/A%20to%20Z/StudentInsurance/ucship/ucdavis/dob/Documents/Davis070912.pdf.

**UC SHIP dental coverage** is provided through Delta Dental of California.

**2012-13 UC SHIP Fees** are $760 per quarter for graduate students. If you have comparable health insurance, you may submit a waiver to decline participation in UC SHIP: http://shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance/waiver/. If you hold employment that covers the cost of UC SHIP (through your fee/tuition remission), waiving coverage will not generate a refund to you.

**Voluntary Dependent Health Care** is also available. Students may elect to purchase medical, dental and vision coverage for their dependent(s) OR they may opt to purchase only medical insurance for their dependent(s). For coverage, cost, and enrollment information, see http://shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance/ucship/dependents.html.

UC Davis offers a number of child care options and resources. For information about community and campus child care, early education programs, services for school-age children, financial assistance, health insurance, breast-feeding support, and other family services, see the Child Care and Family Services section of the General Catalog, or visit: http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/worklife-wellness/Life/childcare/childcare. The City of Davis also offers child care resources and a **subsidy** program. See http://community-services.cityofdavis.org/child-care-services for more information. Employees of the ASE union (TAs, AIs, Readers) employed at 25% or more are also eligible to receive a childcare reimbursement of up to $600 per quarter for **non-school age children** in the custody of the ASE. See http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/forms_pubs/subject/ase_child.html for details.
The mission of Services for International Students (SISS) is to help promote the internationalization of the UC Davis by facilitating the integration of international students and scholars into the campus community. This includes advising international students on the many steps involved obtaining and maintaining legal status (while studying, working, traveling, etc.) in the U.S. and helping students find resources to address personal, cultural and academic concerns.

International students will apply for an I-20 or DS-2019 form in order to obtain their student visa. Information on this process can be found here: [http://siss.ucdavis.edu/i20.cfm](http://siss.ucdavis.edu/i20.cfm). Please be aware that there is a one-time administrative fee for this service. The 2012 fee was $159.00.

International students will be required to attend SISS’s New Student Orientation, which is held shortly before classes begin. Plan your travel schedule so that you arrive in time and be ready for lots of practical information.

For more information, please visit the SISS website at [http://siss.ucdavis.edu/students.cfm](http://siss.ucdavis.edu/students.cfm).

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GradPathways is a premier professional development program that builds on the successes of our previous Professional Development Series, a nationally recognized program that has served thousands of UC Davis graduate students and postdoctoral scholars since its inception in 2004.

GradPathways includes a framework for professional development based on eight essential core competencies:

- Success and socialization in your graduate program
- Writing and publishing
- Presentation skills
- Teaching and mentoring
- Leadership and management
- Scholarly integrity and professionalism
- Career exploration, job searching and networking
- Wellness and life balance

For more information about GradPathways and upcoming workshops, see [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/students/profdev.html](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/students/profdev.html).
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For more information, please visit the Graduate Studies Website at [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/) or the Graduate Student Guide at [http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/students/handbook](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/students/handbook).