

The University of California, Los Angeles

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**PRE-GRADUATE/
PRE-PROFESSIONAL
UNDERGRADUATE
MENTORING
PROGRAM
(PUMP)**

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Who We Are

The Pre-graduate/Pre-professional Undergraduate Mentoring Program (PUMP) is part of UCLA's Academic Advancement Program (AAP), a student support service dedicated to ensuring that first generation, low-income and underrepresented students achieve success during their undergraduate years and beyond.

The goal of the PUMP is to provide the resources and support for AAP students seeking to enter graduate and professional programs, and to create a legacy of excellence in post-baccalaureate work.

What We Do

The PUMP brings undergraduate students together with faculty, professionals, and current graduate students—Graduate Mentors (GM)—in an environment of support and empowerment. We counsel and assist students in the process of preparing for, selecting, and applying to graduate and professional programs.

Our multi-tiered system consists of one-on-one mentoring, faculty roundtables, information workshops, and PUMP's Undergraduate Resource Fair. These programs are specifically designed to guide undergraduates toward the most effective and productive academic paths.

Services

Mentoring

Graduate Mentors work closely with students to develop plans for graduate school. We help students identify existing graduate programs that fit the students' desires, encourage them to participate in co-curricular activities such as service learning programs, and assist them in planning appropriate undergraduate courses. Along with this support, the GMs walk students through the graduate application process: from writing a letter of intent, asking for letters of recommendation, to taking the appropriate tests.

AAP students can meet with GMs and professional staff on a regular basis for counseling either by appointment or during scheduled drop-in hours.

Faculty Roundtable

The PUMP sponsors Faculty Roundtables where students and faculty members gather to discuss educational and career opportunities, as well as current topics of concern.

Topics range in scope from opportunities within fields such as the Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Physical and Life Sciences, and Professional programs, to critical and current issues related to the fields.

Test Preparation Workshops

To keep up with the ever-changing graduate and professional school entrance exams, PUMP works closely with test preparation programs such as Kaplan. While we do not endorse any one program, we host a variety of workshops held by such programs.

Statement of Purpose & Mock Interviews

Along with identifying appropriate graduate programs, the PUMP offers a statement of purpose service to help students write succinct and engaging letters for their graduate application packets.

Another component of the graduate application process is being interviewed by admission committees. The GMs provide mock interviews for students to hone their communication skills.

Information

The PUMP posts fliers and sends out emails on a regular basis to students regarding scholarships, summer internships, volunteer opportunities, service learning and research programs, and as well as relevant events. To be added to the email list, please sign up at 1201A Campbell Hall.

Appointments

Appointments can be made at 1201A Campbell Hall or call (310) 794-4186.