Other professional development opportunities on campus include:

Professors for the Future is a year-long competitive fellowship program offered by Graduate Studies and designed to recognize and develop the leadership skills of outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.

- PFTF fellows work on projects of their own design to enhance the graduate or postdoctoral experience and professional development of their colleagues. The projects are presented at an end-of-year colloquium.
- All fellows receive formal training in teaching methods and course design through either the Seminar on College Teaching or self-selected workshops provided by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.
- PFTF fellows participate in a seminar course on "Ethics and Professionalism in the University."
- Fellows meet regularly for discussions and workshops to promote the participants' professional development, intellectual growth and leadership skills.

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The Internship and Career Center, in partnership with Graduate Studies, provides career advising services to all UC Davis graduate students and postdoctoral scholars for careers in academia and the public and private sectors.

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Success and Socialization in Your Graduate Program

Success in graduate school is not measured by grades alone. It requires that graduate students take a proactive role in their education. To help ensure success, Graduate Studies, your graduate program, and your faculty mentors work together to provide orientations; individual mentoring and advising; and classes, workshops and symposia to help you achieve the milestones of your program.

Writing and Publishing

Building your writing skills is essential for success. Many graduate students and postdoctoral scholars struggle to master the demands of writing and publishing. The dissertation or thesis is a project unlike any other, and few students know how to conceptualize and organize large-scale writing projects. GradPathways provides writing and publishing training in partnership with the University Writing Program.

Presentation Skills

Presentation and public speaking skills are required of all graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. The GradPathways programs and other on- and off-campus units provide a host of activities and classes to help build these skills. For English language learners, additional resources are available to help address the challenges of communicating in a non-native language.

Teaching and Mentoring

Most graduate students will serve as teaching assistants at some point in their graduate school experience, yet relatively little formal training is required or implemented by most programs. GradPathways partners with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning to provide teacher training. Recognizing that mentoring is also an essential skill, GradPathways offers engaging mentoring workshops.

Leadership and Management

Leadership and management skills are often overlooked in academic training, even at the faculty level. Learning to manage research budgets, personnel, and projects is an important skill to master. GradPathways offers workshops and panel discussions featuring faculty and industry experts on these topics. In addition, GradPathways collaborates with the Graduate School of Management to provide workshops and programs.

Scholarly Integrity and Professionalism

Acquiring a solid foundation in scholarly integrity and professionalism is essential. Much of this training is provided through faculty mentorship and guidance, while other opportunities are available through the Responsible Conduct of Research series, co-sponsored by Graduate Studies, as well as an ethics and professionalism seminar through the Professors for the Future program.

Career Exploration, Job Searching and Networking

A graduate education provides students with a variety of career opportunities in academia, industry, government, and non-profit agencies. GradPathways, the Internship and Career Center, and CAPS provide workshops, symposia, one-on-one advising and other resources to assist graduate students and postdoctoral scholars with career exploration.

Wellness and Life Balance

To be successful in graduate school or postdoctoral training, it is important to maintain a balance between educational pursuits and wellness. GradPathways partners with Counseling and Psychological Services to provide counseling for students, as well as offering workshops on Stress Reduction and Time Management.