Doctoral Student Experiences at UCSC

Results from the UCSC 2021 Graduate Student Survey, administered by IRAPS

**PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE UNIVERSITY**

65% of students selected financial support as one of the top three areas for the university to prioritize*

**FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE**

Almost 1 in 2 students who come from underrepresented communities have low or no confidence** in their financial situation

**HOUSING INSECURITY**

Some students in all divisions moved in the last 12 months because of financial reasons, especially in the Humanities

**FOOD INSECURITY**

Some students in all divisions went hungry because there wasn’t enough money for food, especially in the Humanities (33%) and the Arts (27%)

**FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE BY TYPE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

1 in 2 (49%) students draw on personal savings to support their graduate studies

Percent confident*** in their financial situation:
- Only 1 in 3 (35%) students with GSR assistantships
- Only 1 in 4 (27%) students with TA positions

*Students chose up to three areas out of a list of 11, that they wanted the university to prioritize in regard to attention and resources

**Low or no confidence means that students disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement, “I am confident in my financial situation”

***Being confident means that students agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, “I am confident in my financial situation”

Full Results: UCSC Doctoral Student Financial Situation and Support Report