

UCSA Graduate and Professional Student Policy Journal

Guidelines for Submissions

UC Graduate and Professional Students are encouraged to submit their work to our Policy Journal, in order to capture a broader picture of the Graduate Student issues and needed policy changes. We encourage submitters to craft their submissions to point to policy solutions relevant to our Graduate Campaigns. Descriptions of these campaigns are as follows;

Jobs: The UCSA Jobs campaign aims to garner new data regarding graduate and professional student professional pathways and resources across UC campuses, and provide system wide recommendations to improve resources related to these findings. In 2014, we commissioned a survey to better understand and represent student voices in this important system wide conversation. In February we published the results of our survey in a report that can be found [HERE](#).

Grade: Grade is our Graduate student campaign to democratize the hiring and evaluation practices of UC faculty members. Public institutes of higher education are needed to develop future leaders and innovators in all disciplines. The penultimate stage in preparation for many such individuals occurs in graduate or professional school, where personal mentorship from faculty is a crucial component. As graduate student representatives of the University of California Student Association, we believe that education operates most effectively and reliably when accountability is a guiding principle and diverse perspectives are solicited and incorporated. Grade is our effort to increase diverse perspectives by including more Graduate Students in Hiring Committees. We are also evaluating Faculty assessment practices and identifying safe and democratic practices for meaningful assessment.

WHAT to submit

Submissions to our Policy Journal consist of articles or opinion editorials.

Articles

- Students are asked to submit an article which relates to one of our Graduate Student Campaigns
- All submissions must be in article form, not exceeding more than 10 single spaced pages in length for publishing purposes and with no more than **five images** included unless discussed beforehand. Any submissions exceeding these guidelines will be returned for revision. Abstracts and executive summaries for publishing in article form are acceptable.
- All submissions must be original work with all appropriate sources cited **in footnote format**.

Opinion Editorials

- Students are asked to submit an article in response to a current Graduate Student problem.
- All sources should be cited (for photographs, visual data, and other information).
- All submissions must be in [op-ed form](#), not exceeding more than 1200 words in length for publishing purposes.
- All submissions must be original work with all appropriate sources cited **in footnote format (1, 2, 3...)**.
- The filename of your submission should be as follows (and as it applies to you): TGomez_2015
- Edits are done in Word, so please only send .doc and .docx files
- Refer to [The Op-ed Project](#) if you would like additional guidance on style and format.

WHO can submit

- Only UC Graduate and Professional students may submit work at this time.

WHERE to submit

- For the current volume submissions and related images should be sent to gpdirector@ucsa.org no later than **July 1st, 2015**