

**Office of the President**

**TO MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

*For Meeting of November 15, 2023*

### **MULTI-YEAR COMPACT UPDATE: GRADUATE ENROLLMENT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In May 2022, Governor Newsom and the University of California announced a new multi-year Compact to advance several shared, student-focused goals. Last November, the University submitted an annual progress report on UC’s approach to satisfying Compact goals. This written item includes information that will be submitted in the November 2023 report, providing a deeper dive into the compact goal to increase graduate enrollment by 2,500 students over the next four years.

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### **Compact Goal**

Within the section on “Increasing Access,” the Compact includes the following graduate enrollment goal:

- In addition to the aforementioned resident undergraduate enrollment, UC will add 2,500 graduate students systemwide during the term of the agreement.

The proposed growth in State-supported graduate students, would occur between 2022–23 and 2026–27, includes academic masters (e.g., M.S., M.A.), academic doctoral (Ph.D.), and graduate professional students (e.g., J.D., M.D., Pharm.D., M.P.P.) for both general campus and health science programs.

Attachment 1 provides background information on UC’s role in graduate education, including its primary responsibility for producing Ph.D. recipients and as the sole public provider of law and medical (e.g., Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and Optometry) degrees.

##### **Expected Areas of Graduate Enrollment Growth**

Throughout 2023, UCOP met multiple times with the Council of Chancellors (COC) and other campus representatives to finalize the 2022–23 enrollment figures (which were estimated in the November 2022 Multi-Year Compact Report) and obtain revised campus enrollment goals through 2026–27. Figure 1 presents these revised campus graduate enrollment growth plans that align with the compact’s 2,500 growth goal.

**Figure 1 – Proposed state-supported graduate enrollment growth by campus**

	Graduate State-Supported FTE		Proposed growth based on 22-23 final to 26-27
	2022-23 Final	2026-27 Proposed	
Berkeley	8,987	9,126	139
Davis	6,507	7,268	761
Irvine	5,187	5,187	-
Los Angeles	9,427	9,427	-
Merced	732	906	174
Riverside	3,022	3,791	769
San Diego	7,184	7,796	612
San Francisco	2,647	2,687	40
Santa Barbara	2,869	2,871	2
Santa Cruz	1,819	1,821	2
<b>UC</b>	<b>48,381</b>	<b>50,881</b>	<b>2,500</b>

Notes:

- This table excludes State-supported summer full-time equivalents (FTE) at the graduate level, which is estimated to be 1,213 FTE in 2023–24.
- Campuses will submit revised multi-year enrollment plans through 2026–27 in early 2024.

UCOP also received proposed State-supported graduate enrollment growth figures by graduate student type. Figure 2 shows that almost all of this proposed growth is expected in academic masters (43 percent) and general campus and health science graduate professional programs (16 and 25 percent). Only 11 percent of the growth would be among general campus academic doctoral (Ph.D.) students.

**Figure 2 – Proposed growth by type of graduate student**

Graduate student type	Proposed growth based on 22-23 final to 2026-27	
	2026-27	% of growth
Academic Masters	1,074	43%
Academic Doctoral	277	11%
Graduate Professional	391	16%
<b>Total General Campus</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>70%</b>
Health Science Graduate Academic	130	5%
Health Science Graduate Professional	627	25%
<b>Total Health Science</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

## CONCLUSION

The University’s current enrollment plans would meet the compact graduate enrollment growth goal of 2,500 additional state-supported graduate students in 2026–27.

To further support this work, the UC Office of the President (UCOP) will continue to hold monthly conference calls with staff at each campus to identify any developments related to admissions, enrollment, student academic progress and other factors associated with this goal. UCOP will also provide regular updates to Council of Chancellors and work with campus leadership to produce future multiyear enrollment plans.

In addition, UCOP is partnering with the Academic Senate and campus leadership on efforts to support graduate students while achieving graduate enrollment goals. For example, the UCOP Provost and Executive Vice President hosted a systemwide Academic Congress on Graduate Education on October 9 that focused on academic doctoral (Ph.D.) students and included discussions about enrollment management, ensuring a positive student experience, advancing diversity, and preparing Ph.D. students to be the next generation of the professoriate and for alternate employment pathways. The Congress also featured preliminary findings from an Academic Planning Council (APC) Joint Senate/Administration Workgroup on the Future of Doctoral Programs at UC. The Workgroup plans to produce its final report for the Provost and APC in June 2024.

Furthermore, UCOP will host meetings with campus provosts and deans across disciplinary areas to discuss enrollment management, including graduate academic and professional enrollment plans that advance this compact goal. UCOP is examining ways to support these convenings through expanded reporting in areas like UC alumni outcomes and California employment demand and workforce needs.

## KEY TO ACRONYMS

COC	Council of Chancellors
UCOP	UC Office of the President

## ATTACHMENT

[Overview of Graduate Enrollment at the University of California](#)