

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events are aimed at developing a community of graduate students that transcends the campus setting. We organize social events not only with UC

Berkeley students, but those from nearby schools, such as Stanford, UC Davis, Sacramento State, SJSU, etc. Some of the social activities we sponsor



include bowling, coffee hours, movie nights, and dance mixers. We also host a large BBQ in collaboration with other



graduate student organizations, as well as fall and spring banquets with our faculty and corporate sponsors. In all, these events help create a cohesive group of members that advances our overall mission.



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## MISSION

Founded in 1994, LAGSES is an inclusive and multicultural organization that strives to recruit, retain, and graduate Latino/a students in advanced degree programs at UC Berkeley. The number of under-represented minorities in engineering fields at the university is growing, but still just a small fraction of graduate students overall. To address this issue, we aim to provide a support network for under-represented graduate students in STEM by organizing outreach, networking, and community service activities throughout the year. Today, our membership has



grown to over 45 graduate students across several engineering disciplines, a number that is expected to grow as we

recruit more students to join the UC-Berkeley graduate community, increase our level of activity on campus, and extend our industry connections.



## OUTREACH

Our outreach activities include participation in graduate student panels, fellowship workshops, one-on-one mentoring, visits to nearby universities (such as Sacramento State and SJSU) and panels with remote universities (such as CSUN and the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez). Mentors assist with graduate school planning and applications, and provide general support with tips on succeeding. Our members have found this program to be especially rewarding since the majority of the mentees are first generation college students who would otherwise have few resources readily available to answer their questions and concerns.

To expand our academic mentorship and fellowship coaching programs, we collaborate with the Black Graduate Engineering and Science Students (BGESS) and the Graduate Women in Engineering (GWE), who share similar goals of increasing diversity on campus. We also volunteer with organizations such as BASIS and HES (Hispanic Engineers and Scientists) to promote STEM to K-12 students.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To prepare our members for careers after graduation, we organize industry talks, career panels, networking events, and workshops on technical writing and public speaking. We sponsor review sessions for students about take their preliminary exams, along with practice qualifying examinations for advanced members.

Our career panels have included MS/PhD alumni from Tesla, Google, SkyDeck, P&G, NASA, SunPower, and other cutting-edge institutions. Over the years, we have also developed strong partnerships with UC Berkeley faculty and scientists at Lawrence Berkeley and Sandia national laboratories.



To facilitate networking on a broader scale, we provide support for members to attend local and national professional conferences, such as SHPE, AIChE, and the CA Alliance Retreat, along with poster competitions.

