GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCE CARD

Student Support and Advocacy

PMA STUDENT PROGRAMS OFFICE
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The SPO provides overall student support and advocacy for the Division. We put on programs, facilitate your funding and payroll, track and support your academic progress, assist with petitions and leaves, consult on challenging situations, help you navigate sensitive conversations with faculty, etc. If you need support in these areas, or are unsure about who to seek out, contact us.

Department Concerns

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Astronomy: Phil Hopkins, phopkins@caltech.edu
Math: Eric Rains, rains@caltech.edu
Physics: Alan Weinstein, ajw@caltech.edu

The Executive Officer oversees the administration and affairs of your department. You may seek EOs out for individual support and for option-wide concerns.

Academic Support

GRADUATE OPTION REPRESENTATIVES
Astronomy: Lynne Hillenbrand, lah@astro.caltech.edu
Math: Thomas Graber, graber@caltech.edu
Physics: Ryan Patterson, rbpatter@caltech.edu

Your first point of contact for academic advising is your academic (Physics G1s) and/or research adviser (those who have one). Those without an adviser may seek the Graduate Option Rep for academic support. The Graduate Option Rep also provides guidance on questions or exceptions on policy, academic milestones, and petitions.

Discrimination and Harassment

EQUITY AND TITLE IX OFFICE
Hima Vatti: Title IX Coordinator, hima.vatti@caltech.edu
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Equity & Title IX addresses issues of unlawful discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and other individual characteristics protected by federal and state law. Unlawful discrimination and harassment encompass racial harassment, sexual and gender-based harassment, and sexual misconduct. You may always go to Nam Ung or your EO for confidential guidance.

Peer Support and Involvement

Graduate Student Advisory Board: Nam & Mika
TA Fellow for Math TA support: Tamir Hemo, themo@caltech.edu
TA Fellow for Physics & Astro TA support: Raj Tarafder, rtarafder@caltech.edu
Gender Minorities and Women in PMA (GWiPMA): Nitika Yadlapalli, nyadlapa@caltech.edu
Towards a More Inclusive Astronomy (TaMIA): Sarah Blunt, sblunt@astro.caltech.edu

PMA houses a number of student organizations that provide programming, education, and engagement.

Are you still unsure? Contact the Student Programs Office