Welcome to the BioSci Student Success Center

The Biological Sciences Student Success Center provides a central location for students to locate the resources and support they need to be successful as Biology students and beyond. We recognize the range of support and resources that contribute to a positive and inclusive experience, ultimately resulting in successful graduates.

Academic Support

As a student, you have access to a variety of academic support resources. These can take the form of tutoring in specifically difficult topics, sessions with a writing consultant, or participation in mentoring programs. These Services are for all students striving to get the most out of their education.

Careers

Whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student, the UCSD career center has resources for you spanning preparation for graduate school to pathways for industry and government positions. Our Biology alumni inspire us to imagine what is possible beyond graduation.

community

Students in Biological Sciences have opportunities to develop organizational and leadership through student organizations, be in community with others of same background or interests in community centers, or to learn through mentoring programs.
HELP !

Help, I don’t have a working laptop!

UCSD provides access to laptops to students who need them. [Request a loaner laptop here]

Times are stressful: Covid-19, social protests, and keeping up with school is tough. Who can I talk to?

UCSD provides free [Counseling and Mental Health Resources] for students. Do not hesitate to make an appointment. The Division of Biological Science also strives for a culture where students, staff, and
faculty can support each other in difficult times.

I’m struggling financially, my fridge is empty and I may lose my apartment. Where do I go?

UCSD has resources for students experiencing food or housing insecurity; they are here to be used so do not hesitate to seek them out.

**UCSD Basic Needs**

**Application Form**

I cannot get my Zoom and Canvas to work properly. Is there help?

Guidance on technology for students, including Zoom and Canvas, trouble-shooting and resources for internet access, can be found at [Digital.Learning.ucsd.edu](http://Digital.Learning.ucsd.edu)

My class is hard. Are there still tutoring or other support now we are all learning remotely?

UCSD offers its tutoring, writing, and coaching resources remotely. Check out [Academic Support Services](http://Academic Support Services)

Pandemic or nor, I need support organizing and composing my thesis. Where can I go?

UCSD provides virtual writing support resources. For graduate students, there are one-on-one appointments, workshops, and a virtual writing room to be in the company of others during the writing process. Visit the [Writing Hub’s Graduate Writing Services](http://Writing Hub’s Graduate Writing Services) and sign up.

I need accommodations for my disability, where do I go?

The [Division of Biology Office for Students with Disabilities](http://Division of Biology Office for Students with Disabilities) work directly with students to review needs and make accommodation’s. They can be reached at [bioosd@ucsd.edu](mailto:bioosd@ucsd.edu). The staff members work with the [UCSD Office for Students with Disabilities](http://UCSD Office for Students with Disabilities) (OSD) which determines accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Call 534.4382 and/or email [osd@ucsd.edu](mailto:osd@ucsd.edu). Students in need of disability accommodations for a Biology course must provide their instructor with a current Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) letter issued by OSD.

Seriously, that was an uncomfortable meeting, I feel harassed but is that even a thing here? Who can I talk to?

Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination (OPHD): provides assistance to students with concerns about bias, harassment, and discrimination. UCSD is committed to upholding policies regarding nondiscrimination, sexual violence and sexual harassment. Students have options for reporting incidents of sexual violence (e.g. sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking) and sexual Information about reporting options may be obtained at OPHD at (858) 534-8298, ophd@ucsd.edu, or [http://ophd.ucsd.edu](http://ophd.ucsd.edu). Students may also receive confidential assistance at the Sexual Assault Resource Center at (858) 534-5793, sarc@ucsd.edu, or [care.ucsd.edu](http://care.ucsd.edu).

Speak to an adviser: