Financial support resources, funding, and employment opportunities for current Bren School MESM students:

I. **UCSB Graduate Student Resource Center Funding Resources**: The [UCSB Graduate Student Resources Center](https://www.ucsb.edu) has many funding resources available including: a funding peer who is available for all grad student funding-related questions (fundingpeer@graddiv.ucsb.edu), a list of funding databases, links to campus funding resources and employment opportunities, personal finance workshops, emergency funding resources, and more!

II. **UCSB Financial Crisis Response Team**: After all financial aid options including loans have been exhausted, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships provides assistance such as meal vouchers, referrals to on campus resources, possible grant assistance (students must complete the Financial Crisis Team application and be reviewed), International Student Loan. To contact the Financial Crisis Response Team, email financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu.

III. **UCSB Basic Needs Resources**: For more information on food pantries, prepared meals, food security and CalFresh advocates, financial crisis response team, etc.: [http://food.ucsb.edu/](http://food.ucsb.edu/)

IV. **UCSB Fellowships**: The [UCSB Graduate Division](https://www.ucsb.edu) and the [UCSB FinAid Office](https://www.ucsb.edu) have several lists of funding opportunities, including campus-wide funding, and University of California opportunities. The UCSB Division of Student Affairs also has a [list of scholarships](https://www.ucsb.edu) on their website.

V. **Financial Aid**: The [UCSB Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (FinAid)](https://www.ucsb.edu) distributes financial aid, work-study, and other FAFSA-related support to UCSB students. There is a "Cost of Living Calculator" on their website to provides students with a better sense of the total costs including rent, books, food, and other personal expenses. Additional graduate student loan information can be found on their website along with a link to the [Financial Awareness Counseling](https://www.ucsb.edu) which is available through the Department of Education’s Federal Student Aid site and is a great tool for students to use when managing their finances.
VI. **Academic Student Employment (ASE):**
   a. **Teaching Assistant (TA):** The Bren School doesn’t offer undergraduate courses; therefore, Bren students find TA positions through other UCSB departments. This is done by contacting departments or faculty members directly. The Environmental Studies, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics departments often hire Bren students, and are good places to start. Current students and Bren School staff offer support to students having trouble finding positions. Additional academic employment opportunities can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
   b. **Graduate Student Researcher (GSR):** Some Bren Students work with faculty members or private researchers as GSRs. To obtain an GSR position, students inquire about opportunities directly with individual faculty members. More details can be found on the [UCSB Graduate Division’s website](#).
   c. **Readers:** A Reader appointment is for a student to serve as a "course assistant," which will normally include grading of student papers and final examinations. These are good opportunities for students who do not want to commit to a TA or a GSR position but who still want to work on campus. More details can be found on the [UCSB Graduate Division’s website](#).

VII. **On-Campus Employment and Work Study:**
   a. **Student Assistant positions.** Many MESM students work as Student Assistants in administrative capacities at Bren (e.g. Event Planning, Career Development, Admissions, etc.) While these positions aren’t always directly related to the student’s professional interests, they pay a decent hourly wage, are convenient opportunities for students, and are less demanding than a TA position which can easily take up to 20 hours of time per week. Bren School staff advertise positions at the beginning of each quarter and positions vary between 5-15 hours a week.
   b. **Writing and Math Consultants.** The Bren School will hire 2 writing consultants and 1-2 math consultants from the 2nd-year MESM class to tutor current MESM students. Bren School staff will send these advertisements to students via email.
   c. Additional graduate student campus employment resources can be found on the [UCSB Graduate Division’s website](#).

VIII. **Off-Campus Employment:** Sometimes students prefer to work part-time positions off-campus that are related to their post-graduation career goals. Off-campus internships and job opportunities are regularly circulated to students through Bren email lists including ([random@bren.ucsb.edu](mailto:random@bren.ucsb.edu) - [click here](#) to subscribe.) In addition, the Bren Career Development team circulates job and internship announcements through BrenConnect. The career team is always available ([career@bren.ucsb.edu](mailto:career@bren.ucsb.edu)) for career advising if a student is having trouble with their internship or job search.
IX. **Bren School Staff:** Student are encouraged to contact the Bren School Student Affairs team (Kristine Duarte, Rebecca Webb, or Satie Airame) if they are having concerns or troubles related to finances, academics, mental or physical health, etc.

X. **UCSB Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS):** The UCSB Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) provides support to students who need to relieve stress and resolve or treat any mental health-related issues (http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/). Phone consultations are available 24/7 at 805-893-4411. Their main office (building 599) is the pink building located across the bike path from the Arts Building and Storke Tower.

XI. **UCSB Graduate Division, Graduate Academic Counselor, Ryan Sims:** Ryan provides academic support, referrals to outside resources, and an ear for graduate students dealing with the various stressors of graduate school. 805-893-2068; Cheadle Hall, 3rd Floor; Ryan.Sims@graddiv.ucsb.edu.
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