

# Alliance for Multi-campus, Inclusive Graduate Admissions

## AMIGA Project Overview

### Project Summary

The Alliance for Multi-campus Inclusive Graduate Admissions (AMIGA) teams two UC campuses' graduate deans at UC Davis and UCLA to collaborate with colleagues, graduate program chairs, faculty and education scholars to incorporate holistic review methods into their graduate admission process. With support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the project is an outcome of a recent seed grant that examined holistic review and its potential to support equity, inclusion and diversity at four UC campuses. The AMIGA project will include eight graduate programs or groups in the humanities and humanistic social sciences over a 4.5 year period. Two AMIGA forums, in the first and fourth year, will be planned to learn from scholars, prepare faculty admission leaders and to build a community of practice among participants.

### Project Goals

- Collaborate with deans and faculty to develop equitable and inclusive graduate admissions processes in a total of eight humanities and humanistic social sciences graduate programs at each UC campus.
- Develop and deliver faculty development modules on inclusive graduate admissions.
- Support a faculty-training-faculty model to prepare faculty admission members to participate in holistic admission processes.
- Disseminate inclusive graduate admissions scholarship and practice at two AMIGA forums held in years 1 and 4 of the grant.
- Revise UCD and UCLA's applications by working closely with faculty, graduate divisions and Academic Senate to support inclusive graduate admissions processes.
- Provide guidance for departmental materials and web pages to support equitable and inclusive information and admission processes.
- Develop and carryout pre- and post-assessments to determine project effectiveness.

### Project Timeline

February 1, 2018 .....	The first AMIGA planning meeting is hosted at UC Davis.
February - March, 2018 .....	Four graduate programs are invited to join AMIGA. Work with Dr. Posselt to develop and submit IRB materials; initial forum planning begins.
April - June 2018 .....	IRB is approved; campus working committees meet three times; suggestions for website info and application changes are developed; forum planning continues; goals for summer are established.
July - September 2018 .....	Goals of campus working committees meetings are furthered by project leaders, faculty advisers and faculty trainers.
October 2018.....	First AMIGA forum is held at UCLA.
October - December 2018 .....	Faculty development and implementation of new holistic review processes takes place.
2019 .....	Build upon previous year's holistic review processes; team with Academic Affairs to develop annual workshops for new chairs of grad programs and admissions committees; develop access to scholarship; work with leadership to formalize holistic review.
2020 .....	Additional four graduate programs added at each UC campus. Academic Affairs supports faculty development of holistic review. Website and protocols for post-assessment for upcoming year development.
2021 .....	Continue holistic review. New faculty development modules on holistic review. The second AMIGA forum held in fall.
January 1 - June 30, 2022.....	Continue support for holistic review methods. Campus reports and data submitted to UC Davis in final report.



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