EMAIL SCRIPT to FACULTY

Hello [Colleague Name],

I am writing to ask for your help in letting your students know about the exciting opportunities available to them in the [Political Science](http://polisci.ucmerced.edu/) Graduate Program at the University of California, Merced.

The Ph.D. program in Political Science at UC Merced is a particularly good fit for students with research interests that span traditional disciplinary boundaries, such as political psychology or political economy. A [recent study](http://polisci.ucmerced.edu/sites/polisci.ucmerced.edu/files/documents/political_science_publication_rankings_12-17-13.pdf) of political science in the University of California system found that UC Merced's political science faculty have the highest average rate of research productivity in the entire UC system. Our faculty regularly publish their cutting-edge research in the very best journals and book presses in the discipline.

UC Merced is a campus committed to the success and [support of our graduate students](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/GRC). Currently 97 percent of our Ph.D. students receive [full financial support.](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/financial-support) With the lowest cost of living across the UC system, funding stretches further at UC Merced allowing our students to focus on research and a timely completion of degree.

More details about our program, [faculty](http://polisci.ucmerced.edu/faculty) and requirements can be found on our website: <http://polisci.ucmerced.edu/graduate>. I also invite you to learn more by viewing our program [flier](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/sites/graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/files/page/documents/170919_polisci_gradflier_revise_for_email.pdf) and [information video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-VxrXZBVoE&index=13&list=PLEevUfy_ZXSPk09YLE1-9hpT-CWBSCjue).

Please feel free to forward this email to your undergraduate and master’s students whom might be a good fit for the program. Thank you for helping to spread the word to your students and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

EMAIL SCRIPT to students met at conferences/fairs:

Hello [Name],

Greetings, this is [insert your name] from the [Political Science](http://polisci.ucmerced.edu/) graduate program at the University of California, Merced. We met at the recent [conference/graduate fair] and I wanted to follow up with you on your interest in our program. (NOTE: if you did not meet at a grad fair, you can briefly describe how you came about the student’s information)

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The application deadline for Fall 2020 admission is January 15, 2020.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our program or curricula. Thank you for considering graduate studies at UC Merced.

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