

## New Initiative Bolsters Student Excellence

It is sometimes difficult for UC Berkeley, as a public university, to match the fellowships used by so many other institutions to entice highly qualified graduate students. Fortunately, Berkeley is renowned for its superior faculty, and the opportunity to work with luminaries in the field draws many of the top graduate students to the School.

Now many faculty and staff are further contributing to support student excellence through the [Named Fund Initiative](#). The initiative matches the financial contributions

of individuals at the School to create fellowships for graduate students. These fellowships can make the difference for prospective students debating their decision to come to Berkeley.

The Named Fund Initiative was created after a 2004 survey demonstrated that when UC Berkeley was able to offer a financial package at least \$1,000 more than a competing school, 88 percent of graduate students chose to come to Berkeley. With UC Berkeley graduate fees rising by 84 percent since 2002,

and funding for fellowships dropping, additional funding can be crucial to attracting the brightest minds to the university. The initiative offers a way for faculty and staff in a particular department another way to support students in that area of study. Nine faculty and one staff member at the School have already committed to the program, which matches contributions up to \$10,000. The \$20,000 is then used to create a fellowship that produces annual student awards in the \$1,000 range. Friends of the donor may also contribute to the fund. [↪](#)

## Alumna's Dedication to Health Lives On

Throughout her 45 year career in public health nursing, [Lillian Aldous M.S., M.P.H. '68](#), remained passionate about the importance of quality education for those who dedicate their lives to caring for others. She herself received her master's degree in public health from the School, as well as a master's degree in nursing from UCSE, and pursued a dynamic career which included positions as assistant director for public health nursing for Santa Clara County and director of public health nursing for the city of San Jose. To honor the legacy of his late wife, [Dudley Aldous](#) established the [Lillian and Dudley Aldous Endowed Chair in Public Health](#).

Lillian Aldous began her career as a nursing student in Ontario, Canada. After marrying in 1950, she and her husband settled in San Jose. While Dudley pursued a career in engineering, Lillian earned her master's degrees and dedicated her considerable energy to public health. In addition to a busy professional life, she also followed her other loves: painting, art appreciation, gardening, and travel.



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students and provide opportunities for researchers at the School. "We are so grateful for this endowment and proud to carry on the legacy of Lillian Aldous at the School," said Dean Stephen Shortell. [↪](#)