THE OMBUDS PROVIDES CONFIDENTIAL, NEUTRAL, INDEPENDENT AND INFORMAL ASSISTANCE TO POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS FOR ANY ISSUE RELATED TO UCSB.

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The Ombuds provides assistance for all UCSB issues, including:

- Difficulties in the advisor relationship
- Teaching or research assistant concerns
- Authorship disputes
- Department or university policies
- Conflicts with peers
- Incivility or disrespect
- Sexual harassment
- Bias or unequal treatment
- Disability accommodations
- Ethical dilemmas
- Funding concerns

The Office of the Ombuds was established as an independent and neutral office that does not advocate for any particular party in a dispute, but may advocate for fairness and adherence to policy.

The Ombuds is not a mandated reporter for issues related to sexual harassment and all conversations are kept confidential, unless a threat of imminent serious harm is involved. The Ombuds does not provide legal advice or psychological counseling.

**SERVICES FOR POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS**

**COACHING**

We employ informal means for assisting visitors to the office including listening, exploring options, coaching, and linking with other resources. When appropriate, the ombuds may also facilitate communication between parties through shuttle diplomacy or mediated discussions.

**MEDIATION**

We facilitate mediation between parties to help resolve disputes.