Brand Guidelines
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Dear campus communications colleagues:

UC Berkeley remains at the forefront of higher education, consistently ranked in the top tier of global research and teaching universities. As a world-renowned public research and teaching university, we remain committed to our vision of access and excellence, teaching and research, and public service.

Over the last year, we have overseen an effort to strengthen the campus communications strategy and to develop tools and resources designed to assist us all in conveying a forward-looking story about Berkeley’s mission and impact.

The effort included three main components which are now part of a set of materials available for your use. The first contains a core set of messages and themes that reflect interviews with numerous stakeholders about their views of and aspirations for Berkeley. The next is a visual library that highlights the essence of our vibrant and diverse community and relies heavily on images of people. Last is a set of resources and guidelines designed to promote visual consistency in communications across campus, while allowing for broad flexibility.

We are pleased to have sponsored this project that brings new focus and energy to our great institution’s communications, and look forward to invigorating our collective efforts to tell the world about our one-of-a-kind institution.

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Introduction
UC Berkeley is recognized and ranked as the greatest public university in the world.

We have been opening minds since 1868, and our core values of tolerance, diversity, respect and access to all have never wavered and never will. No other university—public or private—offers the unique combination of academic excellence, access, commitment to public service and athletic prowess like Berkeley. So in the face of state budget cuts and general malaise over public education, how do we get our message across?

What makes Berkeley truly stand out are our intangibles: the openness, freedom and acceptance—academically and artistically, politically and culturally—that are impossible to communicate with just statistics and facts. We all need to communicate in a way that engenders excitement, confidence and a desire to participate in our mission.

THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR BERKELEY.

While some see reduced funding as an obstacle, we recognize it as an opportunity to develop a stronger Berkeley voice. Our reputation extends far beyond the Bay Area, making a transformative impact on everything from education and the environment to local and global economies. This document is a guide to identifying and communicating our unique future-oriented stance, in a way that we collectively contribute to Berkeley’s success.
Who is this book for?

Anyone at Berkeley who communicates on the university’s behalf should find this book a helpful and inspiring resource.

Department leaders can use this guide as a platform to focus their initiatives.

Lead communicators can use it to provide examples for the creation of new, impactful stories.

Writers can use it to draw inspiration when they create stories about the achievements of their individual departments.

Designers can mine the rich veins of typography, color palettes, photography and design elements to give life to their creations.
What will this book help Berkeley do?

We all want to tell a compelling, forward-thinking story about the Berkeley experience. While there are many different internal and external audiences, the tools in this book should inspire each of us to take part in the Berkeley story, and to collectively and individually benefit from being part of it.
How should this book be used?

To clarify Berkeley’s unique qualities, advantages and capabilities.

To ensure key themes are present in all communications.

To encourage internal and external advocates for Berkeley.
Telling Our Story
What went into this book?

This book is the result of a strategic process that began with a broad perception study among our most important audiences. We analyzed the findings and distilled our insights to discover Berkeley’s unique place among research and teaching universities, and arrived at a clear positioning and messaging platform. Communications inspired by this platform will amplify awareness and understanding, as they all will be woven from a common thread.
What is positioning?

Positioning is how we need to be thought of in the minds of our most important audiences in order to be successful. Positioning should be a differentiated, motivational and sustainable thought. It is not just our definition (a public research and teaching university) or how we express it (taglines, messages, etc.), but it should serve as the conceptual core for all that we say and do. It’s about what we want people to feel when they experience Berkeley, and remember when they walk away.

Berkeley’s positioning is built upon the attributes and themes on the following pages.

**Definition**
What is it?

**Positioning**
How should it be perceived?

**Expression**
Visual identity, messaging, campaigns, channels, experience
UC Berkeley reimagines the world, by challenging convention to shape the future.

SUPPORT FOR OUR STATEMENT

Berkeley fuels a perpetual renaissance, generating unparalleled intellectual, economic and social value. We integrate research with teaching, the artistic with the scientific, the scholarly with the athletic, and the up-and-comer with the advantaged. Our diverse and kinetic community draws inspiration from every discipline, sparks dynamic interactions and produces revelations about the world we aspire to live in. With the drive to ask critical questions and embrace new challenges, we are redefining ourselves and the role of a university in a changing world.
How positioning applies

If every message comes from the same conceptual core and connects to its intended audience in relevant ways, it will reflect an institution whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
Guidance for individual colleges, schools and departments

1. Demonstrate through communications how your college, school or department is reimagining the world.

2. Demonstrate how you challenge conventional thinking to shape the future.

3. Be bold and unapologetic.

4. Consider the key themes that best connect with your key audiences.

5. Support your messages with facts rather than leading with facts.
Our creative platform

The creative platform is an emotional translation of the positioning—condensing all of its important points into a phrase with personality. This is not a tagline or a headline, but a starting point to inspire the look, feel and tone of communications.
Reach Further

SUPPORT FOR OUR PLATFORM

“Reach Further” is comparative. Lots of universities have “reach.” Only Berkeley has the depth of talent, diversity of skills and deep-seated drive to do things that continually change the world. We reach further. When we “reach further” than others, we must constantly reimagine what’s possible—and go beyond what anyone else has done before. That means we have to have attitude: impatience that comes with a willingness to challenge convention. The combination of those two qualities is how we shape the future—which is more than evident in the results, successes and breakthroughs constantly occurring on our campus and throughout our alumni community.

HOW TO USE IT

TO GUT-CHECK VOICE
Does the tone of what you’re writing capture the spirit of “Reach Further”? Does it sound like the personality of someone who embodies the idea?

TO STAY ON MESSAGE
Move beyond facts whenever possible. By addressing the motivation behind our successes, we can create a more emotional tie with the audience.

TO INFLUENCE VISUAL CHOICES
“Reach Further” isn’t just a copy point. The idea can come through in visual executions as well (more on this in the next sections).
Crafting content

Every brand has a personality. Voice is how that personality is conveyed verbally. Sentence structure, word choice and tone all create a distinct character that can only be *Berkeley*. Here’s how to do it consistently.
Our Key Strengths

CONVICATION / EXCELLENCE / SCALE / DIVERSITY

These are four key strengths that differentiate Berkeley from other universities. If each communication message we develop leverages one or more of these strengths, our creative platform will come to life with depth, breadth and longevity.

How to Use Them

You can reach further with conviction. Connect your message to an unwavering belief, cause, or higher calling.

You can reach further with excellence. Share stories about individual or collective achievements that outshine anything attempted before.

You can reach further with scale. Demonstrate the impact of Berkeley’s efforts to improve the world around us or change an individual’s life in an extraordinary way.

You can reach further with diversity. Show the unique ways in which Berkeley connects disciplines, projects and people to create new paradigms that can transform the world.

REMEMBER
“Reach Further” is not a tag line; it’s the theme to build your stories on.
Our Tone

CURIous / INTENSE / OPTIMISTIC / INFLUENTIAL / SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS / INDEPENDENT / REAL / OPEN

How to Use It

While our strengths help guide content choices, our tone creates consistency in how that content is delivered. Keep these words in mind when creating communications to maintain a distinct tone of voice and ensure the Berkeley personality shines through.
Our Voice Is Not

TRITE
We’re smart. It’s important to always show it.

SLICK
We are authentic.

SALES-Y
“New and improved!” has no place here.

CORPORATE
Always choose words that are simple and direct.
Never resort to jargon.
What to Avoid

1. MATTER OF FACTS
We have a wealth of impressive statistics worth sharing. But it’s just as important to explain the impact and importance of those stats. Instead of leading with a list of statistics (number of programs, faculty members, Nobel Prize winners), consider leading with a message about Berkeley’s unique ability to create impact, or Berkeley’s unique point of view on a topic, or the great efforts a student or faculty member has taken to uncover a remarkable solution.

2. ENOUGH ABOUT US
It’s easy to focus on messaging that touts what we do and how we do it. Find opportunities to pull the audience in by explaining how it benefits them.

3. STRICTLY LITERAL
Don’t be literal just because people expect you to be. Find opportunities to interject voice in new places. Forms, guidebooks and other pieces of typically straightforward communication are often places where people will notice personality the most.

4. THREE. WORD. PHRASES.
It can be tempting to add taglines in this format to programs or departments, but it should be avoided. They can come across as trite and generic.

5. PUNS BE GONE
We are more sophisticated and original than bear puns.
Below are five tactics, and resulting examples, to guide you as you create content.

What to Adopt

**TACTIC 1:**
**TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS**
**SAMPLE ARTICLE INTRO:**

“Spending months observing telescopic data from the South Pole may seem excessive. But at Berkeley, it resulted in the discovery of a new time period more than 13 billion years old. And we believe that’s worth it.”

**TACTIC 2:**
**ISSUE A CHALLENGE**
**SAMPLE HEADLINE:**

“Why aim to earn a million dollars when you can instead aim to save a million lives?”

**TACTIC 3:**
**MAKE A BOLD STATEMENT**
**SAMPLE PARAGRAPH:**

“Berkeley is not for everyone. It’s for those who are motivated by a deep desire to do what’s right, to preserve, to protect, to create, to express, to change, to be the very best.”

**TACTIC 4:**
**TAKE THE HIGH ROAD**
**SAMPLE HEADLINE:**

“Nobel Prizes. Fields Medals. Turing Awards. All great. The impact our work can have on the course of humanity? Much greater.”

**TACTIC 5:**
**DESCRIBE A COMMON MINDSET**
**SAMPLE ADMISSIONS PARAGRAPH:**

“Your entire life, you’ve pushed beyond what others were capable of. The question at hand now is not what you’ve accomplished, but what you’ll do next. At Berkeley, students are not only studying fields like computer science, social justice, business and engineering, they’re aiming for goals that will someday redefine their field.

What’s your part? Do you not only want to enter the working world but place your mark upon it? Effect social change? Invent an entirely new industry? Discover a new element, a cure for a disease, or maybe a centuries-old culture? At Berkeley, you’ll do it.”
Using a creative brief for projects makes it easy for communicators to identify their content priorities. It also ensures that each communication carries a consistent voice and strong message that focuses on what benefits the audience. Download this template at brand.berkeley.edu.
Our Logo, Seal & Spirit Mark
Our Logo

The UC Berkeley logo represents us at the very highest level and is vitally important to our brand. It acts as a signature, an identifier and a stamp of quality. It is, and should always be, the most consistent component in our communications.

In order to maintain this consistency, a few simple guidelines should be followed.

© NOTE ©
The Berkeley logo should never be recreated or typeset. Only official logo files should be used in communications.

Official logo files can be downloaded from brand.berkeley.edu.

The Berkeley logo as shown here will serve as the campus’s primary logo and trademark. Other campus trademarks may appear on merchandise produced by vendors specifically licensed to reproduce these trademarks. For more information and to view lists of our trademark licensees, please visitombo.berkeley.edu/name/promotion.
The primary color option for our logo is Berkeley Blue (Pantone® 282). It is intended to be used on lighter backgrounds and images in order to maintain legibility.
Another acceptable color option is to reverse the logo out to **White** on darker backgrounds and images.
SECONDARY USAGE

The primary usage option is preferred. However, in more casual usage, such as merchandise, the logo may be used in California Gold (Pantone® 123) on a background of Berkeley Blue (Pantone® 282). The legibility of this version is compromised when used on other background colors, including white.

LIMITED-USE LOGO

The logo can appear in Black only for black-and-white and grayscale scenarios.
SIZE

To maintain full legibility, never reproduce the logo at widths smaller than 1 inch (for print) or 175 pixels (for screen). There is no maximum size limit, but use discretion when sizing the logo. It should never be the most dominant element on the page, but instead should live comfortably and clearly as an identifying mark.

These minimum size guidelines apply **only** to the Berkeley logo **without** a college or school lockup.

CLEAR SPACE

To ensure that clear space is maintained around the logo for legibility and prominence, photos, text and graphic elements must follow the guidelines illustrated here. Use the letter “B” as a measuring tool to help maintain clearance.
When the Berkeley logo appears on a communication piece with another logo—from within the university or outside it—the logo requires extended clear space to maintain its integrity, as shown here. No other logo should fall within these parameters.

When two logos are present (the Berkeley logo and a Berkeley sub-brand logo, for instance), one must take the lead in the hierarchy. If it is a piece from the sub-brand, that logo should be more prominent. The Berkeley logo should be smaller and placed at least the distance shown here from the sub-brand logo.

Before engaging in any promotional activity that incorporates Berkeley’s registered name, trademark or other insignia, please contact the Office of Marketing and Business Outreach at ombo@berkeley.edu or 510/642-6344.
The preferred placement for the logo is in the lower segment of communications. Anywhere in the outlined areas shown here is acceptable, although corners are preferred. This way, the logo becomes a grounding element that appears consistently on all pieces.

If the bottom zone is unsuitable, it is also acceptable to place the logo anywhere in the horizontal segment at the top within the piece. Again, corners are preferred, but the logo can be centered for more formal communications.
Here are a few examples of practices to avoid.

**DON’T** Stretch, condense or change the dimensions of the identity.

**DON’T** Alter the placement or scale of the elements.

**DON’T** Crop the wordmark.

**DON’T** Add colors to individual elements.

**DON’T** Alter or replace the typefaces of the identity.

**DON’T** Skew or bend the identity in any way.

**DON’T** Rotate the identity.

**DON’T** Use colors other than those specified in this document.

**DON’T** Rearrange the placement of the type within the identity.

**DON’T** Add any extra elements to the identity.

**DON’T** Use drop shadows, strokes or other visual effects.

**AVOID** Use of the Cal script logo for any academic purposes. It is predominantly used for athletics and alumni communications.
The UC Berkeley OS typeface is reserved for the Berkeley logo. It may also be used to create college, school or department lockups with the master logo. In those instances, the “University of California” line should be dropped.

All usages of UC Berkeley OS as a lockup should be reviewed by the Office of Communications and Public Affairs.
A college, school or department that uses its name as primary identity should pair it with the Berkeley logo in accordance with placement guidelines. Examples (at right) show positioning for publications, letterheads and web banners.

College, school or department lockups may use the master logo. In those instances, the “University of California” line should be dropped.

Use the letter “e” as a measuring tool to help maintain clearance.

The Office of Communications and Public Affairs is available to consult on design solutions for combining college, school or department names with the Berkeley logo.

REVERSE TO WHITE ON DARKER BACKGROUNDS AND IMAGES
When a college, school or department integrates the Berkeley logo with its name, the name should appear in UC Berkeley OS, scaled so the x-height matches that of the logo itself. The name should be in Bay Fog (Pantone® 7535), or reversed to white if it appears on a darker background or image.

In those instances, the “University of California” line should be dropped.

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The UC Berkeley seal is an important part of our university’s heritage. Our seal is reserved for use on our most official communications. It may also be used on other communications to formally designate that the document or digital message is an official UC Berkeley communication. It may be used for other purposes only with the permission of the Office of Marketing and Business Outreach at ombo@berkeley.edu or 510/642-6344.

**NOTE**

The University of California seal (below) is currently used on much of the official university stationery. This remains acceptable as we transition to our new identity standards.

The UC seal should never be locked up with the Berkeley logo, and should not be modified in any way. The versions of the Berkeley seal shown at right are the only versions permitted for future use.

The Berkeley seal has been registered in the U.S. and in international territories. Include the registration symbol ® in the first instance of use in a document. Subsequent references may omit the ®.
In order to maintain full legibility, never reproduce the seal at widths smaller than 1.25 inches (for print) or 215 pixels (for screen). There is no maximum size limit.

Ensure that clear space is maintained around the seal for legibility and prominence. Photos, text and graphic elements must follow these guidelines. Use half the seal’s width as a measuring tool to help maintain clearance.
Over the years, several versions of the seal were created. To maintain the integrity of the seal, these versions should never be used.
Because of our rich heritage and our complex and diverse community, several names are used to represent the university. This section aims to clear up any confusion. Our logo clearly announces our name, with an emphasis on Berkeley. It is just as important to keep our name consistent in content.

In *first references*, use:
**UC Berkeley**

In *subsequent references*, use:
**Berkeley**

*Formal uses*, such as diplomas, may use:
**University of California, Berkeley**

**DO NOT USE**
- University of California at Berkeley  
  (except where a comma causes confusion)
- U.C. Berkeley
- UC-Berkeley
- U.C.-Berkeley
- UCB
- U.C.B.
- Cal Berkeley
BERKELEY AND CAL

Berkeley is the academic expression of our brand and is used by colleges, schools and departments in official communications.

Cal is the social expression and pet name for Berkeley. It is used by Cal Athletics, Cal Alumni Association and by development, student organizations and licensed products.

We know that Cal is a cherished symbol of Berkeley.

Our recommendation is to use Berkeley in academic contexts and Cal in athletic contexts. It should remain clear that the preferred name of the university is Berkeley.

SPRIT MARK

The spirit mark for Berkeley and Cal Athletics is the official California Bear, shown as a horizontal image at left. The spirit mark can be used in casual communications and on merchandise.
Color
Beyond our logo, color is the most recognizable aspect of our brand identity. Colors were selected that reflect our bold, diverse community and given names that reflect their inspiration. Using color appropriately is one of the easiest ways to make sure our materials reflect a cohesive Berkeley image or visual story.
The Berkeley color palette has two layers: primary and secondary palettes, each with its own subgroupings of colors.

The primary palette is broken into heritage and alternate heritage colors.

The secondary palette is broken into four groups: neutrals, vibrant, brights and darks. Each is represented by a column in the grid below, with colors getting progressively darker in value from left to right. The following pages break down each column into individual colors and show ways to create unique color palettes within the larger Berkeley palette.
HERITAGE COLORS
Our primary colors, called heritage colors, are Berkeley Blue and California Gold. They represent Berkeley at the highest level and should be present in all communications.

These colors look best as spot inks, and do not reproduce as richly in four-color process. Never use screens or tints of heritage colors.

Berkeley Blue

PANTONE® 282
C | 100  M | 071  Y | 010  K | 047
R | 000  G | 050  B | 098
HEX | 003A70

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California Gold

PANTONE® 123
C | 000  M | 032  Y | 100  K | 000
R | 253  G | 181  B | 021
HEX | F2A900

HEADLINES | SUBHEADS | LEAD-INS | FULL QUOTES | REVERSED TYPE
ALTERNATE HERITAGE COLORS
Our alternate heritage colors were created to expand the primary palette. They may be used to complement the primary heritage colors but should never completely replace them as main representations of Berkeley. For example, Medalist may replace California Gold in situations where a darker gold is needed.

Founder’s Rock

PANTONE® 5405
C | 071  M | 030  Y | 013  K | 045
R | 045  G | 099  B | 127
HEX | 4F75B8

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BODY COPY | CALLOUTS | CAPTIONS | REVERSED TYPE

Medalist

PANTONE® 7550
C | 000  M | 034  Y | 098  K | 012
R | 224  G | 158  B | 025
HEX | D19000

HEADLINES | SUBHEADS | LEAD-INS | PULL QUOTES
BODY COPY | CALLOUTS | CAPTIONS | REVERSED TYPE
SECONDARY PALETTE: NEUTRALS
Our neutral palette is made of Wellman Tile, Bay Fog and Sather Gate. The neutral colors add balance and warmth to the larger Berkeley palette.

Note that in some applications, neutral colors may not be appropriate for text.
SECONDARY PALETTE: VIBRANTS
Our vibrant palette is made of Rose Garden, Ion and Lawrence. The vibrant palette brings intensity and youthfulness to Berkeley’s color palette.
Use the vibrants sparingly. They should never be used for body text or small headlines.

Rose Garden

PANTONE® 1925
C|000 M|098 Y|046 K|000
R|238 G|031 B|096
HEX|E0004D

Lawrence

PANTONE® 306
C|079 M|000 Y|006 K|005
R|000 G|176 B|218
HEX|00B5E2

Ion

PANTONE® 381
C|023 M|000 Y|089 K|000
R|207 G|221 B|069
HEX|CEDC00
SECONDARY PALETTE:
BRIGHTS
Our bright palette is made of Golden Gate, Lap Lane and Soybean. The bright palette can add energy to communications.

Note that in some applications, brights may not be appropriate for text.

Golden Gate

PANTONE® 7417
C|001 M|085 Y|088 K|000
R|237 G|078 B|051
HEX|E04E39

HEADLINES | SUBHEADS | LEAD-INS | PULL QUOTES
BODY COPY | CALLOUTS | CAPTIONS | REVERSED TYPE

Lap Lane

PANTONE® 326
C|085 M|000 Y|045 K|000
R|000 G|178 B|165
HEX|00B2A9

HEADLINES | SUBHEADS | LEAD-INS | PULL QUOTES
BODY COPY | CALLOUTS | CAPTIONS | REVERSED TYPE

Soybean

PANTONE® 7745
C|025 M|000 Y|091 K|025
R|157 G|173 B|051
HEX|ABAD23

HEADLINES | SUBHEADS | LEAD-INS | PULL QUOTES
BODY COPY | CALLOUTS | CAPTIONS | REVERSED TYPE
SECONDARY PALETTE: DARDS
Our dark palette is made of Pacific, Stone Pine and South Hall. The dark palette adds sophistication and contrast to communications.

South Hall

PANTONE® 7602
C | 011  M | 068  Y | 095  K | 062
R | 108  G | 051  B | 002
HEX | 7B4931

Pacific

PANTONE® 431
C | 045  M | 027  Y | 017  K | 051
R | 083  G | 098  B | 111
HEX | 5B6770

Stone Pine

PANTONE® 450
C | 040  M | 040  Y | 080  K | 055
R | 088  G | 079  B | 041
HEX | 594A25
It is important to maintain a sense of hierarchy, balance and harmony when using the Berkeley color palette. Our color system is extremely flexible, but exercise restraint. Unique and exciting color palettes can be created from as few as three or four colors in addition to the primary Berkeley palette.

The following pages break down the entire palette to show how color combinations can be used successfully. Each is different but still maintains the character and emotion that is Berkeley. Use the vertical banding as a guide to the ratios of each color. This isn’t meant to be a precise mathematical system but is intended to give an idea of relative use. It is also important to note that the primary palette plays a role in each sub-palette, even if it’s a minimal one.

© NOTE ©
Although the pages within this section are nearly fully flooded with color, white space also plays a key role in our visual brand identity. Rather than viewing white space as a blank area, see it as a pause. Don’t rush to fill white space. It can focus attention on what is there, not draw attention to what is not.
Always balance color, typography and graphic elements with generous amounts of white space.
This chart is a guide for the mood each color conveys on a communications piece. Colors can range from formal to casual and from subtle to bold.

On each subsequent color palette, there is a miniature version of this guide. Use it as a starting point to choose the palette that will project the right mood for the piece.
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Typography
Our typographic palette

When used thoughtfully, typography becomes a powerful brand tool that can add visual meaning to what is communicated. Berkeley’s typography communicates clearly and cleanly, and is flexible in a wide range of situations.

Flexibility comes from using one type family that contains all necessary styles. Our university typeface, Freight, features Sans, Text and Micro fonts. The Freight family was selected because it is warm, open and legible at all sizes.

© NOTE ©
Your department can license all or some of the Freight family. Register with your CalNet ID on gallery.berkeley.edu and request a font license for permission to download the Freight family of fonts.
Freight is an Open Type font family made up of three styles, each with six weights and an extensive character set. Each style includes small capitals, fractions, standard ligature, lining and oldstyle figures, and more. The Freight family supports over 90 languages.
Freight Sans is our sans serif font. It has six weights, all with matching italics and small caps, and is appropriate for all uses, from headlines to captions. If Freight Sans is unavailable to you, or you need a web-safe alternative, Lucida Sans may be substituted.

**CAPITALS—47 PT.**

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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**LOWERCASE—47 PT.**

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bcdedefghijklm
opqrstuvwxyz
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**SMALL CAPITALS—47 PT.**

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789
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**NUMERALS, PUNCTUATION AND GLYPHS—47 PT.**

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Freight Text is our serif font. Don’t let the name mislead you; it’s appropriate anywhere a serif font is needed, including headlines. It has six weights, all with matching italics and small caps. If Freight Text is unavailable to you, or you need a web-safe alternative, Georgia may be substituted.

**CAPITALS—47 PT.**

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

**LOWERCASE—47 PT.**

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

**SMALL CAPITALS—47 PT.**

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789

**NUMERALS, PUNCTUATION AND GLYPHS—47 PT.**

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Freight Micro is our secondary serif font. It was designed for use at very small point sizes, such as captions, tables and footnotes. This should be its primary function, but it can add unique and quirky personality to a piece when used at large sizes. It has six weights, all with matching italics and small caps. If Freight Micro is unavailable to you, or you need a web-safe alternative, Georgia may be substituted.

**CAPITALS—47 PT.**

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**LOWERCASE—47 PT.**

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**SMALL CAPITALS—47 PT.**

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**NUMERALS, PUNCTUATION AND GLYPHS—47 PT.**

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The way we use type is crucial to making our designs look thoughtful and professional. Use these tips to make sure the typography is consistent.

Line spacing, called leading, is critical to setting professional-looking type that is easy to read. Leading should be set tight, but not too tight. The Freight Family generally looks best with leading set slightly loose.

**Leading that is too loose leaves too much pause between lines.**

28 pt. type / 39 pt. leading

**Leading that is too tight leaves too little pause between lines.**

28 pt. type / 25 pt. leading

When leading is correct, the reader won’t even notice.

28 pt. type / 30 pt. leading

Correct letter spacing, called tracking, is needed to make the type easy to read. The Freight Family should always be tracked slightly tighter than the default setting, and optical kerning should be used when available.

**Tracking that is too loose leaves too much space between letters.**

+60 tracking

**Tracking that is too tight leaves too little space between letters.**

-80 tracking

When tracking is correct, the reader won’t even notice.

-5 tracking

**NOTE**

A good rule of thumb is to start with leading that is two points higher than the point size of the text. This won’t always be right, but leading can most easily be adjusted from there. This applies to all fonts within the Freight Family.
Think about the intended usage and audience of your communication to help determine which fonts work best. The traits listed on the grid at right serve as a guiding framework.

The following pages illustrate sample type combinations that work well together and where they fall on this framework.
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Photography
gallery.berkeley.edu
Our photography

Photography is a key tool for showing our diverse and dynamic community. Our photography captures Berkeley and connects with people in ways that words can’t. What we say describes what we’re doing to challenge convention and shape the future. Our photography shows it.

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Share your own photos and use those from other campus units by registering online at gallery.berkeley.edu.

In instances where photos could be used for commercial purposes, it is strongly recommended that campus departments receive signed photo releases from identifiable individuals, especially those who may be the focus of the photos, authorizing the use of their likenesses. An approved photo release form is available at brand.berkeley.edu.
PHOTO STYLE
Our photography style is light, airy and natural. We use natural light whenever possible. Light is also used as an active element in our photography, sometimes to the point of slight overexposure. To avoid unnatural angles, never rotate the camera to an angle other than 90 degrees.

Our photography can be broken down into three subject categories: topical, cultural and historical.

TOPICAL
Topical photography is the best way to capture the impact and passion unique to Berkeley. These photos are specific — relating directly to the content of what is being communicated.

CULTURAL
Cultural photography captures our “Berkeleyness.” Whether the subject is architectural, such as the Campanile, or more human, like the Big Game Rally, these photos show the people and places that make Berkeley the place that it is.

HISTORICAL
Historical photography is used to show our legacy. These images should be used in a supporting role and rarely as primary photography.
People play a key role in defining the subject matter of our topical photography. Finding the humanity in our stories helps us connect to our audience in a powerful way. Object shots or shots of projects and innovations can and should be used in a supporting role.
People also play a key role in our cultural photography. This is how we show our energy, diversity and spirit. We can also use beautiful shots of our environment to capture the feeling of the Berkeley campus.

Use architecture photography sparingly. Not only is it hard to communicate the energy and dynamic community of Berkeley through architecture, but our publications also begin to look the same when using similar photos of our tower or gate.
Use historical photography to put the present in the context of the past. Historical photography works best when it subtly complements topical and cultural photography.
CROPPING
Carefully crop images to focus on the subject and communicate with the audience more effectively.

DIPTYCHS
Placing two complementary photos next to each other in a layout is called a diptych. Use diptychs when multiple photos help tell a more complete story. Consider mixing photos from multiple categories, such as a topical photo of a person and a cultural photo of a location. Diptychs are also more effective when one image is wide-angle or more abstract and the other is more close-up or specific. Never butt two photos directly against each other; diptychs should always use a dividing line (which may be white) between photographs.
LIGHT LEAKS
Light leaks are created when light seeps in through the cracks in a camera body or lens. Normally this is an unwanted effect, but used correctly, it can add character to photography. Use this technique to lighten an image and give it a bright, warm feeling.

There is a library of light leak files to use in our work. Place a light leak over an image and set it to screen in the Effects Palette (Adobe Photoshop® and Adobe InDesign®). The technique can range from strong and obvious to light and subtle, but never obscure important subject matter. Download the light leaks library at brand.berkeley.edu.

Above is the image without a light leak applied.
COLOR CORRECTION
Applying a uniform tone to photography through color correction can help unify our photo library. Always err on the side of cooler tones rather than warmer ones.

HOW TO COLOR CORRECT
In Adobe Photoshop, under photo filters, apply Cooling Filter (80) at 15%. Then, adjust the exposure to 0.10. Finally, go to Hue/Saturation and set the saturation to -5.
Graphic Elements
Our library of graphic elements

We have provided a variety of graphic tools that create a unique look and make us recognizable. These elements shouldn’t be combined, but can be emphasized or played down individually to add visual interest and enhance our storytelling.

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Find digital assets for our graphic-elements library and download at brand.berkeley.edu.
Like Fiat Lux, our motto, our graphic elements are all rooted in the ideas of light. Like white light, Berkeley is composed of a diverse set of elements. These elements appear whole when seen together, but can be broken apart and explored individually like light through a prism.

When used consistently, these elements create continuity among families of materials. For example, a department could adopt one of these elements to be its primary visual direction, or could use a mix of two elements for all of its communications. Alternatively, it could use all four but focus on one element for a campaign, event or initiative.

**With the exception of structural elements, never use more than one graphic element within a piece of design.**

**NOTE**

Each element has a skill-level rating. Use these ratings to help determine which elements you should attempt to use in a design.

- **Easiest**
  (You don’t have to be an expert to use these elements.)

- **Intermediate**
  (Moderate design skills required.)

- **Advanced**
  (Significant design experience necessary.)

- **Experts Only**
  (Use only if you’ve had some serious design training.)

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**OVERVIEW**

**STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS**

The structural elements are the nuts and bolts of our layouts. They contain key information, logos and other elements that create clarity, order and continuity in all our pieces of communication.

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**APERTURES**

Apertures are created from triangles and work to focus on a single part of an image or add bold fields of color to a piece.

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**TESSELLATIONS**

The tessellation is a pattern constructed of octagons, themselves constructed of eight individual triangles. Use the pattern to add subtle texture to layouts.

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**PRISMS**

Prisms are delicate bits of linework. Use them on their own, or to magnify an image for emphasis or highlight achievement.
The structural elements are used to maintain consistency within complex page hierarchies. They should be used to contain labeling, wayfinding information and logos within documents.

The angular structural element can be used on its own at either the top or the bottom of the page. When the angular structure appears by itself, restrict the contents to a logo and a few simple lines of text.

The angular structural element can also be used with a second straight structural element. When this is used, the angular element should only contain a logo. All labels and information should be contained at the top of the page in the straight element.

The angular element can be combined with the diptych photographic treatment. Always match the point of the angle to the spot where the photos meet.
Apertures are graphic shapes that add visual interest to an image. Use them to emphasize a specific part of an image or to add color to an image that may not be completely engaging on its own.

When overlapping aperture elements, always set them to multiply in Adobe Creative Suite®. Never use more than three colors, and always use colors of a similar hue (like blues and greens, or yellows and oranges).

Use no more than three shapes when building an aperture. Always leave part of the photo frame open. This creates a “way out” for the viewer and ensures the apertures never feel like they constrict the content.

It’s possible for shapes not to overlap in an aperture. This creates a more open, cleaner layout. The advantage of the aperture element is the ability to create infinite layouts that retain a similar feel.
The tessellation pattern adds texture and depth when overlaid onto photography. The tessellation pattern should always be white, set to between 50 and 80 percent opacity in Adobe Creative Suite.

Use the pattern to completely fill an image that is textural or has no people. With no people, the pattern can become less transparent and, therefore, more dominant.

The pattern may be deconstructed when it’s used over images with specific subject matter, such as people or objects. When people are in the photo, always maintain breathing room between the pattern and the subject.

The pattern may be enlarged, but never so much that the shapes become unrecognizable as the tessellation pattern. Make sure that, collectively, there are always two to three octagons within a layout. Never adjust the point size or add a stroke when resizing the pattern.
Prisms can be used in a variety of ways—as a solid-colored ribbon, an outlined pattern or an image magnifier—to add visual interest to a piece.

Prismatic ribbons can add a pop of color or structure to a simple piece. The colors of the individual triangles can vary, but they should always remain harmonious with one another.

Used as an outline, prisms have a subtle, directive flair. The ending point can draw attention to important or pertinent parts of a photograph.

A magnified image within the prism’s triangle can be visually arresting and add an additional layer of meaning or context. It can also create cohesion between a family of pieces.
Guidelines in Practice
Bringing our work to life

The Berkeley visual look and feel is a collection of elements that create a cohesive package. Our colors, typography, photography, graphic elements and voice all combine to create a strong, unique image for Berkeley. We tailor these elements for each piece we create and, by using these tools consistently, each piece we design will combine to create a larger whole.

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The following examples were created to show how existing pieces can be reimagined using the new Berkeley tools. A thumbnail of the original layout provides a source of inspiration for the revised design. In addition, a short creative brief is given to provide context to the situation, as well as a list of the new elements used in the new design.

The photographs used in the following samples are for demonstration only and may not feature approved images for Berkeley.
Sample assignment:
The Department of Physics has requested a redesign of its quarterly magazine that incorporates the new Berkeley brand but respects the current organization of content and production budget.

ELEMENTS USED
Color
California Gold
Golden Gate
White

Photography
Topical
Light Leaks

Typography
Freight Sans Light, Medium, Bold
Freight Text Medium, Bold

Graphic Elements
Tessellation

BEFORE
Sample assignment:
The Townsend Center for the Humanities would like to find opportunities to align itself with the Berkeley master brand while staying true to its defined subbrand.

**ELEMENTS USED**

**Color**
Berkeley Blue
Wellman Tile
White

**Photography**
Topical
Light Leaks

**Typography**
Freight Sans Light, Medium
Freight Micro Black

**Graphic Elements**
Structural Element

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**BEFORE**

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Sample assignment:
The Graduate Division would like to redesign its brochure in the new look and feel.

ELEMENTS USED
Color
Berkeley Blue
California Gold
Founder’s Rock
Lap Lane

Photography
Cultural
Diptych

Typography
Freight Text Bold Italic
Freight Sans Medium
Freight Micro Black

Graphic Elements
Structural Element

Think bigger than first in your class.
TRY FIRST IN YOUR FIELD.
The Miller Institute would like to redesign its newsletter to fit the new Berkeley brand, but it has limited resources and needs a template format that is easy for anyone to use.

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“Blob Complex” advances topological quantum field theory

Featuring 2nd year Miller Fellow Scott Morrison

Second year Miller Fellow studies topological quantum field theories, and the algebraic data underlying them.

One focus of his research is on the algebraic objects called ‘subfactors’ and ‘fusion categories’. These objects are important in understanding topological quantum field theories in 3 dimensions, and are relevant in the study of topological phases of matter and also a certain approach to building quantum computers. His other focus is on the relationship between field theories and category theory in arbitrary dimension. This work has recently resulted in the introduction of the ‘blob complex’, which provides a homological extension of field theories. Scott Morrison is hosted by Prof. Vaughan Jones in the Department of Mathematics.

TOPOLOGICAL QUANTUM FIELD THEORY IS AN important field of modern mathematics. Quantum Field Theory (QFT) attempts to describe the quantum mechanical evolution of fields (e.g. the electromagnetic field) on spacetime. The mathematics of QFT is extremely difficult, and there are significant untamed problems. Topological quantum field theory (TQFT) was originally introduced as a ‘toy model’ of a full quantum field theory. In TQFT, we assume that the evolution of fields does not depend on any geometric properties of spacetime (e.g. lengths, areas, durations and so on), but only on the topological shape of space-time. While this does not appear physically reasonable, the hope was that understanding the topological case would be easier, and eventually lead to insights towards a satisfactory mathematical formulation of QFT. While this program is still underway, significant progress has been made by mathematicians in understanding TQFT, and this understanding is now contributing to work on QFT. Furthermore, in the meantime physicists have discovered that the mathematicians’ ‘toy model’ is physically relevant! The fractional quantum hall effect, one of the great discoveries of condensed matter physics in recent decades, has (partial) mathematical description given by certain TQFTs in 3 dimensions. Moreover, materials exhibiting this behavior have been proposed as the hardware substrate for a quantum computer.

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This idea is being developed at Microsoft Station Q, where Scott worked prior to coming to the Miller Institute. A topological quantum field theory in dimension $n + 1$ assigns a vector space to each “space”, that is, to a manifold of dimension $n$, and a number to each “space-time”, that is, a manifold of dimension $n + 1$. Essentially, this number is the quantum mechanical amplitude for the evolution of a space through a certain sequence of topological changes. An important property of $n$-ary is that they are “local”: we can compute the number for a space-time by decomposing it into smaller pieces, computing a certain invariant of each piece, and then assembling these answers by algebraic operations determined by the decomposition. In the end, everything is determined by a certain piece of algebraic data called an $n$-category. Conversely, given an $n$-category satisfying appropriate conditions, we can construct a $n$-ary in dimension $n + 1$. When $n = 2$, space is a 2-dimensional while space-time is 3, the algebraic data that determines a $n$-ary is called a fusion category. Recently Scott has been working on the classification of these objects. A complete classification is not feasible; indeed any finite group provides an example (its representation category). Instead he has been looking for a classification of small fusion categories. There are several good candidate notions of size for a fusion category. Each fusion category has a finite set of particle types (called simple objects by mathematicians), and the rank of a fusion category is the size of this set. Alternatively, there is a real number called the ‘global dimension’ associated to each fusion category. Recent progress by Etingof, Nikshych and Ostrik show so that when the ‘global dimension’ is an integer and less than 2, the fusion category is a ‘weakly group-theoretical’ and essentially understood. When the global dimension is not an integer there are no strong results. Finally, each individual particle type has its own dimension, which is a real number. In quantum mechanics, a spin-$\frac{1}{2}$ particle has two states, and a quark has three ‘colors’, but in the other world of fusion categories the corresponding number need not be an integer. Scott’s work recently has been on the classification of fusion categories containing an object with a small dimension. Dimensions up to 2 are well understood, there are particle types in fusion categories with dimensions of the form $2 \cos(\pi n)$, as well as a variety of particle types with dimension exactly 2. One surprising consequence of Scott’s new results is that the spectrum of possible dimensions remains discrete above 2. The next possible value is $(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7})/2$ and after that $\sqrt{7}$. Although examples are known at these dimensions, a complete description of particle types with these dimensions is not yet available. Much of this classification has been obtained indirectly by first classifying subfactors with small index. A subfactor is an inclusion of von Neumann algebras each with trivial centre. Although the subject has its origins in analysis, subfactors and fusion categories are intimately related. Obtaining the classification results requires techniques from across a broad range of mathematical disciplines: representation theory, combinatorics, analysis, number theory and topology? This project has involved collaboration with David Penneys and James Tener, graduate students at Berkeley, and with Masaki Izumi (Kyoto, and a former Miller Fellow), Vaughan Jones (Berkeley), Emily Peters (U. of Utah) and Noah Snyder (Columbia). A series of papers Subfactors with index less than 2, parts 1-4 describes these results.

In a somewhat different direction, Scott has been working on extending the $n$-ary framework via a construction which he calls the ‘blob complex’. In work with Kevin Walker, he has defined the notion of a ‘discrete $n$-category’ object. This allows us to construct a $n$-ary in dimension $n + 1$, but also to construct higher order invariants containing more information. In technical terms, the blob complex associates a chain complex to each $n$-manifold, well defined up to homotopy, and the original $n$-ary vector space is just the 0-th homology of this chain complex. (This construction only generalizes the ‘space’ part of the $n$-ary, and has nothing to say about the ‘space-time’ part.) This project incorporates ideas from the field of homotopy theory into the study of $n$-arys. Using the blob complex, Scott has proved a higher dimensional generalization of Deligne’s conjecture on the action of the little discs operad on Hochschild cohomology. A 30-page paper The blob complex and the Bloch complex proves and generalizes this work. There is also a companion paper Higher categories, column, and the blob complex to appear in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

After completing his Miller Fellowship in 2012, Scott will be moving to Cambridge, Australia, to take up a position at the Australian National University.
Sample assignment:
Create an admissions viewbook with a more engaging presence, both through photography and content.

**ELEMENTS USED**

**Color**
- Berkeley Blue
- California Gold
- Founder’s Rock
- Medalist
- Lawrence
- Lap Lane
- Pacific

**Photography**
- Cultural
- Light Leaks
- Diptych

**Typography**
- Freight Micro, Semibold, Bold
- Freight Sans Medium

**Graphic Elements**
- Structural Element
This is the place where your drive grows even stronger.

It becomes more focused. More far-reaching. It shifts. It builds. This is where your interests and talents join many more interests and talents, and together they inform and enhance each other. This is where new people, new discoveries, and new challenges build on foundations of hard work and excellent teachings.

Berkeley is not for everyone.

It’s for those who are motivated by a deep desire to do what’s right, to preserve, to protect, to create, to express, to change, to be the very best.
Sample assignment:
Cal Day needs a series of posters that are fun, energetic and casual—but reflect the Berkeley brand.

**ELEMENTS USED**

**Color**
Berkeley Blue
California Gold
Founder’s Rock
Medalist
Lawrence

**Photography**
Topical
Cultural
Light Leaks
Diptychs

**Typography**
Freight Sans Semibold, Bold
Freight Micro Semibold, Black

**Graphic Elements**
Apertures
Structural Elements
Tessellations

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**Before**

*Expand Your Universe*

**Learn a new language in 30 minutes.**

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*An entire day dedicated to making new friends.*

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*Saturday, April 20*

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

*Free Admission*

*300 unique events. One unforgettable day.*

calday.berkeley.edu
A perfect afternoon with 40,000 of your closest friends.

CALDAY
300 unique events.
One unforgettable day.
Saturday, April 20
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
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Giving new meaning to the term
PEP RALLY.

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9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Free Admission
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Sample assignment:
The Office of Communications and Public Affairs needs a series of folder designs that range from simple identity-only executions to more promotional styles.

**ELEMENTS USED**

**Color**
Berkeley Blue
Founder’s Rock
Pacific
Bay Fog

**Graphic Elements**
Structural Element
Aperture
Tessellation

BEFORE

![BEFORE Image]

COVER

![COVER Image]
POCKET FOLDERS

INSIDE

ANGLED DIE-CUTS FOR BUSINESS CARD
ELEMENTS USED

Color
Berkeley Blue
Soybean
Sather Gate

Photography
Topical
Light Leaks
Diptychs

Typography
Freight Sans Semibold

Graphic Elements
Structural Element
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Color
California Gold
South Hall

Photography
Cultural

Typography
Freight Text Semibold

Graphic Elements
Structural Element
Aperture
POCKET FOLDERS

INSIDE

ANGLED DIE-CUTS FOR BUSINESS CARD
Sample assignment:
Undergraduate Admissions would like to find easy ways to incorporate the new brand into its recently designed site.

ELEMENTS USED

Color
Berkeley Blue
Founder’s Rock
Medalist
Lap Lane
Wellman Tile

Photography
Topical
Cultural

Typography
Freight Micro Semibold

Graphic Elements
Tessellation

BEFORE
Sample assignment:
The CalNet login page needs new brand elements that do not affect functionality.

ELEMENTS USED

Color
Berkeley Blue
California Gold

Photography
Cultural

Typography
Freight Sans Medium, Black

Graphic Elements
Structural Element
Sample assignment:
University videos need a consistent opening and closing. Incorporate the new logo and typeface into a standard end slate for video and motion graphics.

ELEMENTS USED

- **Color**
  - Berkeley Blue
- **Typography**
  - Freight Text Bold
  - Freight Sans Bold

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TITLE CARD

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END GRAPHIC

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Sample assignment:
Design a series of PowerPoint templates that create a consistent look.

ELEMENTS USED

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Berkeley Blue
California Gold
Founder’s Rock
Sather Gate
Golden Gate

Typography
Lucida Sans Regular, Bold
Georgia Regular, Bold

BEFORE
This book was produced with Blurb's creative publishing platform and, like every book made with Blurb, it's something special. Blurb offers tools to create bookstore-quality print books and graphically rich ebooks.

From innovative portfolios to magazines, Blurb has all the tools you need to create beautiful books, catalogues, and programs – whether you're a first-time book maker or an experienced pro.

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