

Guardian Professions Program

INVESTING IN THE SCHOLARS OF THE FUTURE

As a first-generation college student and former foster youth, Rich Pauloo didn't always see graduate study as a part of his future. But with support along his educational path, Pauloo is on track to earn a Ph.D. in hydrogeology and help sustain California's groundwater supply.

Climate change-induced drought, excessive consumption and pollution threaten the long-term health of California's and the world's water reserves. Pauloo has developed low-cost, open-source wireless sensor networks for groundwater monitoring. He's also currently building an online tool for water managers in California to simulate groundwater level decline.

Graduate school, says Pauloo, reaffirmed his belief that he can do anything he sets his mind to. For former foster youth, graduate school can be an uncertain venture. UC Davis' Guardian Professions Program helps remove some of that uncertainty for students like Pauloo.

The first of its kind in the nation, the Guardian Professions Program provides mentorship, career coaching and application assistance to former foster youth.



With your support, we can expand the impact of the Guardian Professions Program by enhancing our academic and financial support services, career coaching and graduate community-building.

85%

of program participants accepted to at least one graduate program

100+

students mentored each year

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Philanthropic Opportunities

- Endow Guardian Professions fellowships to cover tuition and the auxiliary costs of attending graduate school
- Establish flexible funding to help students weather unforeseen challenges while staying on track in their programs
- Fund application grants that will remove financial barriers to graduate school
- Create a network of support, including a graduate advisor, that will connect students with the resources they need to succeed

An Invitation

Your support helps current and former foster youth reach new heights in their academic and professional lives.

We invite you to consider a gift to the program that will empower bright students to fully realize their potential and confidently earn graduate degrees.

