

IMPORTANT NOTE

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the [GRO website](#) for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Module Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

UC Berkeley – Design & Innovation for Sustainable Cities (DISC*)

(Updated as of 23 Mar 2021)

Host University Website: <https://ced.berkeley.edu/disc>
 Programme Location: Online
 Programme Dates: 6 July – 6 August 2021
 Application Deadline: 15 May 2021
 No. of Placements: Unlimited

IMPORTANT: COVID-19 related updates

Due to the COVID-10 situation, UCB has announced that the programme will be offered 100% online for 2021.

Students may apply for module mapping and transfer a maximum of 8 MCs (this is applicable only to online summer programmes 2021). Some Faculties/Schools (including School of Computing) will not approve module mapping for online courses. Please check with your home faculty's Dean's Office to determine if module mapping can be approved for online courses before applying to the partner university.

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Programme Fee	<p>Programme Fee - the total fee for the July programme is USD4,362.</p> <p>Disc* is an immersive five-week summer program for undergraduates that explores an interdisciplinary and multi-scalar approach to design and analysis in the urban environment. Disc* participants engage in the discourses of urban innovation, and develop creative solutions to tackle the urgent challenges global cities face today. Disc* is open to eligible students from any college or university. No prior experience in design is necessary.</p> <p>A small handful of need-based stipends are available to accepted students. Applicants will have the opportunity to request a stipend while filling out the program application. More information can be found here: https://ced.berkeley.edu/academics/summer-programs/discovery/cost/</p>				
2	Projected Expenditure	<p>Click here to find additional estimates for airfare, private accommodation and personal expenses for various cities.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="518 1854 1511 1955"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="518 1854 1217 1890">Item</th> <th data-bbox="1217 1854 1511 1890">Estimated Cost (USD)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="518 1890 1217 1955">Programme fee</td> <td data-bbox="1217 1890 1511 1955">USD 4,362</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Estimated Cost (USD)	Programme fee	USD 4,362
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	Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO	Financial Aid options will not be available for programmes/classes that are conducted fully online. If programmes are hybrid, only on-site participation would qualify a student for financial aid. If a physical/on-site programme switches to fully online before the commencement of the programme, NUS reserves the right to adjust or retract the financial aid package.
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PROGRAMME DETAILS		
4	Academic Content	<p>Guided by UC Berkeley faculty, Bay Area urbanists, designers, makers, and entrepreneurs, Disc* students confront the most pressing challenges of global urbanization using innovative human-centered design. Disc* participants have the opportunity to develop and test their own creative ideas while working with some of the most forward-thinking researchers and practitioners from the Bay Area design community.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Disc* program, participants graduate with a strong understanding of urban dynamics and a broad toolkit with which to confront "wicked problems", as well as compelling artifacts for their academic portfolio. Disc* alumni are prepared to become the next thought leaders and game changers in the shaping of our built environment.</p> <p>These are the seminars and digital workshops that are included in this programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global Cities/Global Challenges Seminar 2. Urban Innovation Seminar 3. Geographic Information System workshop 4. Graphic Design and Visual Communication workshops 5. Architectural and Urban Design Graphics workshop
5	Eligibility Requirements	Student must have a GPA of 3.0 (approx. CAP 3.75) or higher. The other NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.
6	Accommodation	Not applicable for 2021
7	Application Procedure	<p>Apply via EduRec → Global Education and the host university's website (http://cedberkeley.slideroom.com/) concurrently. You must accept both the EduRec offer as well as the host university offer to confirm your participation in this programme.</p> <p>Applications are due 15 May 2021.</p> <p>To be considered for the program, you must submit the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed Disc* online application with statement of purpose 2. \$50 application fee 3. Current college transcripts 4. Current resume/CV 5. Passing English language scores. (Singaporean students exempted) <p>Only complete applications will be reviewed. We will notify all applicants of the status of their application via email. If you are accepted for admission to the program, you will receive detailed instructions from</p>

		summerdiscovery@berkeley.edu on how to register and enroll through UC Berkeley Summer Sessions.
8	Module Mapping	<p>You can start the module mapping process after you apply in EduRec and accept the offer for the programme. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping. Also note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 2 modules (up to 10 MCs) can be mapped per summer / research programme during Special Term (May – August). • Maximum of 1 module (up to 5 MCs) can be mapped per winter / research programme during year-end vacation (December – January). • Total of 12 MCs from a maximum of 2 overseas summer/winter and research programmes can be mapped without having to pay NUS tuition. Additional MCs mapped will be subjected to Special Term fees. For details, visit the Registrar’s Office website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
9	Contact Information	<p>Questions about the programme? Contact the host university at:</p> <p>Name: Chrissie Bradley Email: summerdiscovery@berkeley.edu</p> <p>Questions about module mapping? Visit this webpage.</p> <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO? Contact us at: askGRO</p>