

JUNE 2025 AT A GLANCE

STANFORD GRADUATE WORKERS UNION • Jun 30, 2025

This month, we held our Juneteenth GMM, supported our graduate workers during finals week with coffee and pastries, educated our coworkers about contract benefits (free Caltrain GoPass and appointment notifications), and swore in new union stewards. Many SGWU members also attended No Kings Day protests across the nation.

SGWU Monthly Newsletter



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Announcements

● **Cardinal Care is changing**

SGWU has [summarized changes](#) and plans to meet with Stanford administrators. Please [submit your questions](#)! Under our contract, graduate students with at least a 25% TA/RA appointment (or equivalent fellowship) will continue to receive a full subsidy for Cardinal Care.

● **Dues for fellows**

Fellows need to manually pay dues in order to be members in good standing. You can pay them through our website at [Voluntary Dues for Fellows](#) (redirects to Zeffy link)

● July 23 GMM and UE National Elections

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on July 23, 2025. We encourage you to attend as we will vote on the top three national United Electric officers. They will shape UE's labor organizing strategy and support local unions across the nation over the next two years.



General Membership Meeting Recap

Our most recent General Membership Meeting (GMM) was held on June 19, 2025, with a Juneteenth celebration afterwards.



✓ Passed by members

We elected to affiliate with the South Bay Labor Council and San Mateo Labor Council.

MORE DETAILS:

[🔗 Labor Council FAQs](#)

👤 New stewards

Please welcome our new stewards, Fletcher Chapin [Doerr], Daly Wettermark [Doerr].

If you're interested in becoming a union steward and helping to enforce our contract, please attend a steward training.

MORE DETAILS:

[🔗 Stewards Training RSVP](#)

🗣️ Raise an issue

At GMM, we discussed changes to Cardinal Care, contract misinformation in the Graduate School of Education and car theft in graduate housing.

All rank-and-file members are welcome to raise discussion topics for GMMs!

MORE DETAILS:

[🔗 Submit Issues Here](#)

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**Working On Campus
this Summer?**

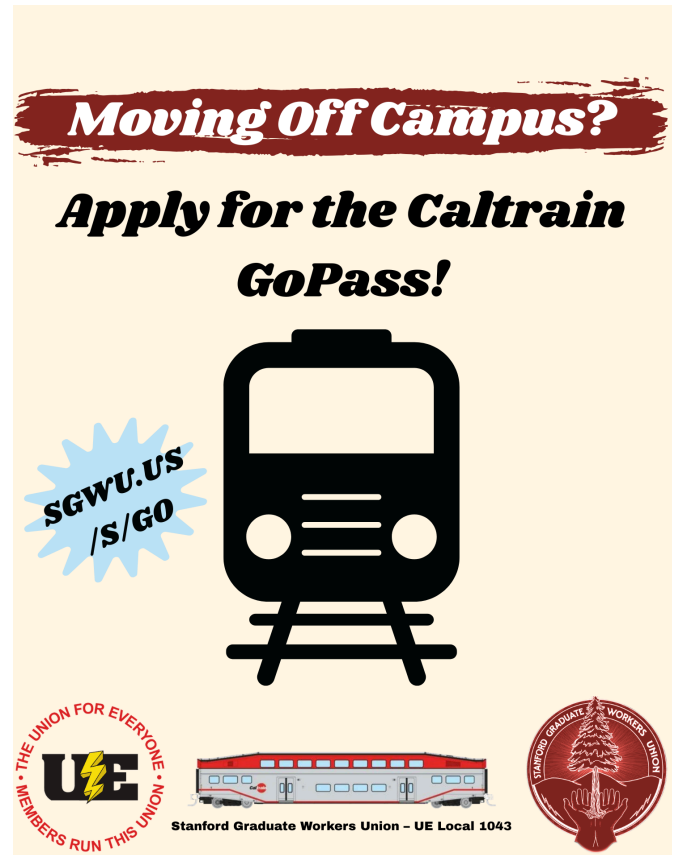
You should receive an
appointment letter by June 16th!

Your Duties

If you have questions
about your appointment
letters, reach out to your
advisor, a steward in your
area, or contact@sgwu.us

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Moving Off Campus?

**Apply for the Caltrain
GoPass!**

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Summer appointments

- If you are working this summer, you should get an Appointment letter by June 16th. If appointments are not finished by that date, you can still be given an appointment at a later date.

Free CalTrain GoPass

- Moving off campus this summer? Update your address in Axess and then sign up for your free CalTrain GoPass at sgwu.us/s/go

- Summer Appointments above 50% (up to 90%) are still explicitly allowed in the contract
 - Hourly work is still explicitly allowed in the union contract
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Member Spotlight



SGWU members attended No Kings Day Protests across the country



White Plaza rally to protect international students and to defend federal research funding



Financial Resources

If you are facing financial hardship, our contract protects your right to get reimbursed for certain types of expenses via university resources.

- [Emergency Grant-in-Aid](#): out-of-pocket medical, mental, vision and dental care costs; bike repairs; computer repairs; legal expenses related to maintaining visa status
- [Graduate Student Aid Fund](#): spousal Cardinal Care insurance premiums; campus health fee and/or Cardinal Care premiums for students with significant debt burdens or required expenses beyond customary cost of attendance
- [Graduate Family Grant](#): flexible funds to cover childcare, healthcare and rent for students with dependents

If you've been denied for any of the above funding sources, please send us an email at contact@sgwu.us



Standing Committee Updates



Membership Building

- Organized two days of tabling with coffee + pastries to support graduate workers during finals week
- Created contract education materials, including posters for summer appointments and the free Caltrain GoPass
- Hosted union socials to reach out to less-involved graduate workers, with 30+ attendees



Data + Tech

- Cleaned up Slack workspace, consolidating channels and ensuring only union members and invited guests are present
- Updated organizer-only and public SGWU calendars
- Updated SGWU website content
- Updated internal infrastructure



Communications

- Communicated important union updates via internal (listserv, Slack) channels
- Publicized events organized by our local and our solidarity network
- Summarized changes to Cardinal Care and fielded questions from graduate workers



Mark your calendar!

Upcoming events, training sessions, workshops, GMMs... you name it

Event	Time	Location	Contact
Membership Building Committee	Thursdays 6–7pm	Room 365, Green Earth Sciences or on Zoom	organizing@sgwu.us
Data + Tech Committee	TBD	TBD	recording@sgwu.us
Union Social	Every other Wednesday 5–6pm	Between EVGR B and C	organizing@sgwu.us
General Membership Meeting (GMM)	July 23, 2025	TBD	leb@sgwu.us

About us

Stanford Graduate Workers Union (United Electric Local 1043) represents graduate workers' interests as university employees and negotiates collectively over employment conditions like pay, benefits, health and safety, and protections against harassment and discrimination. We believe that graduate workers at Stanford power the research and teaching integral to the University's

operations, reputation, and mission, and we deserve to have fair compensation and working conditions.

Local Executive Board

Our elected officers and Area Chief Stewards carry out decisions made by the membership in between General Membership Meetings, handle grievances, keep our union running, and respond to urgent situations. The local executive board is elected annually for a one-year term.

Standing Committees

Our three Standing Committees (Membership Building, Communications, Data and Technology) help run the day-to-day operations of our union. These Committees meet weekly and are open to all rank-and-file members.

Get in touch

We welcome questions, comments and feedback through our emails, website, or social media.

 sgwu.us	 contact@sgwu.us	 @stanfordgwu.ue	 @StanfordGWU	 sgwu-announce @lists.stanford.edu
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