

We the undersigned, students and staff at the University of Sussex (UK), wish to express our solidarity with graduate students at the University of California Santa Cruz as they undertake strike action.

Those striking have one demand: to be paid enough money to live where they work, to be able to afford rent and food.

We recognise that taking industrial action is never an easy decision, that striking graduate students do so from a place of desperation, and also that this strike is connected to and symptomatic of a much larger struggle. All of us in higher education must push back against harsh and unrealistic working conditions. We know that to improve working conditions means to ensure the best studying conditions.

We urge UCSC to take action, to pay striking students the \$1,417pm cost-of-living adjustment they demand and need, to end this strike by respecting the health, dignity, and livelihood of those who constitute the heart and soul of the university. We also urge the union representing graduate students (the UAW) to support their rank-and-file members.

Solidarity!

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