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Dear striking graduate students of the University of California, Santa Cruz,

We are writing to you from the *Lect_s en Lutte* group to express our solidarity with your ongoing mobilisation for fair pay and decent working conditions and to wish you good luck with the strike starting today!

Lect_s en Lutte is a group of casualised teaching staff from various universities in and around Paris that has come together to organise our approach to the ongoing social movement in France. Since December 5, 2019, those of us who have been able to strike have been doing so, while those of us with greater job insecurity have chosen to teach about the social movement during class time. Workers from all industries are facing an immense threat from the French government's proposed pension reform that would leave everyone worse off—particularly women, minorities and teaching staff. Universities are facing an additional threat from a proposed law (the *Loi de programmation pluriannuelle de la recherche*, or LPPR) which would greatly increase job insecurity in academia and stifle academic freedom.

We believe that we are in a common struggle with you against the neoliberalisation of universities and against the increasing precarity faced by university teaching staff. Therefore, we commit to raising awareness of the COLA4all movement at UCSC on the picket line and as part of our teach-ins. Please let us know how we can support you in your struggle.

Solidarité from Paris!

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