Background

- Expansion of the Peer Mentoring program
  - Informally started in 2015 – Timmy Ma+
  - Formally establish in 2017 – Daniel Bergman and Jen Bryson
  - More structure introduced in 2018 – Kelly Isham and Jess Kreger
Then 2020 happened!
Or, 2020 is still happening...
Department gathered student feedback

- May 2020 Department Survey (come back to this)
- Number of townhalls and meetings
- Summer 2020 Peer Mentor survey
Consensus

The Department acknowledged that the grad students felt under-supported
Community, Outreach, and Mentoring Program is formed in Summer 2020
Community

Seminar series

Social Events

More to come soon!
Mentoring

- Retain previous structures
- Dedicated COMP Fellow role
- Volunteer grad mentors matched to 1-2 mentees through an early summer interest survey results
- Accountability measures
Outreach

Recruitment of students from historically underrepresented populations

Go to local colleges/universities and conferences

Highlight advances in department to address student support and representation concerns

Opportunity for UCI students to give more talks