



**SDSU
Mini-Course series on Funding, Conducting, and Communicating STEM Research**

Mini course II

The event will take place on Zoom.

Zoom Registration Link

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December 9, 2020, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Co-Convenors:

Walter Oechel

Director, Global Change Research Group
Director, Joint Ph.D. Program in Ecology

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Halil Guven

Dean, SDSU-Georgia

SPEAKERS – TRAINERS:



Ed Balsdon is the Interim Dean of Graduate Studies at San Diego State University. He previously served as the Associate Dean of Graduate & Research Affairs 2015 – 2020, leading SDSU initiatives related to graduate student funding, success, diversity, enrollment management, accreditation, community outreach, and strategic planning for future graduate programs. His scholarly work specializing in natural resource economics, public finance, and behavioral responses to risk has appeared in *Land Economics*, the *Journal of Urban Economics*, the *National Tax Journal* and other publications. He directed the SDSU Economics MA program 2006 – 2012 and was faculty in the American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Training Program 2008 – 2010. Ed joined the SDSU faculty in

2000 after earning a B.A. from College of the Holy Cross, an M.A. and Ph.D. from UC Santa Barbara, all in Economics.

Topic- “US System of graduate schools”

Lecture Abstract

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Universities in the United States offer a vast and varied landscape of PhD programs in STEM fields and beyond. For generations, these programs have trained students from all over the world, as reflected in the international diversity of the American STEM workforce. This mini course is designed as a primer for international students interested in doctoral study in the U.S., and for those who support them. Major topics include: the admissions process, PhD program structure and differences with programs in the UK and Europe, funding opportunities and expectations, the F-1 visa, the role of faculty mentors, and professional development. The talk concludes with information about doctoral programs offered at San Diego State University.



U.S. Embassy consular section and EducationUSA Counselor presentation on getting F1 and J 1 student visa to help Georgian students get through various application processes and identify universities that best match their criteria.

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