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Thank you for your interest in our professional Master's degree program at UC Berkeley, also known as the Product Development Program!

In 2006, the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (CBE) at UC Berkeley initiated a bold, new professional master's degree program – the Product Development Program (PDP). The central objective of the PDP is to fulfill the unmet need at the national and international levels for professionals with chemical engineering and related backgrounds in the chemical sciences who have knowledge and field experience in the complex process of transforming innovations into commercially successful products.

Within 9 months, PDP graduates will gain exposure to real-world product development practices in a range of chemical process-intensive industries such as alternative energy, biotechnology, consumer products, microelectronics, nanoscience, and new ventures. As a professional degree program aimed at preparing its graduates for their careers, the PDP does not require a research thesis, but students find completing the extensive coursework and team-based field-project study assignment with a local company challenging. Students who successfully complete the program's graduation requirements will be awarded a Master of Science degree in chemical engineering with a concentration in product development at the end of the nine-month program.

Our 322 graduate alumni have gone on to exciting new career opportunities in a diverse range of industries and companies such as: Abbott Laboratories, Amazon, Anheuser-Busch, Apple, Applied Materials, Baxter, Bloomberg, Dow, Facebook, Flextronics, Foxconn, Gilead Sciences, Illumina, Intel, Schlumberger, and many more. Several of our graduates have also launched successful start-up ventures that received substantial funding from the venture capital community.

The PDP is a proven alternative graduate school experience for those students with backgrounds in the chemical sciences who want to take a non-traditional path to building a fulfilling career. I invite you to click on the links for more information – **the deadline to submit your application is Friday, January 7, 2022.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at kalexand@berkeley.edu.

The PDP is committed to building and maintaining a diverse student body. Financial aid options are available.



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