

# 2021-22

# Financial Aid & Scholarships



# UCI

## Investing in Your Future

UC Irvine has two important roles in financing your education: to administer a variety of financial assistance programs, and to provide you with sufficient support to pursue your education.

If you demonstrate the need for financial assistance, you may be eligible for scholarships, grants, loans, and/or work-study. Also, you can be awarded scholarships on the basis of academic excellence.

- **Grants** are awarded on the basis of financial need and do not have to be repaid.
- **Scholarships** are awarded on the basis of academic criteria, or any combination of academics, financial need, leadership positions, campus or community activities, and work experience.
- **Loans** are money that must be repaid over a period of time, usually after you leave school.
- **Work-study** is money that you may earn by working a part-time job.



## UC Irvine is an affordable choice for all families. Here are two reasons why:

**UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan<sup>1</sup>** - Covers your educational and student services fees if you are a California resident whose family earns less than \$80,000 a year and you qualify for financial aid. Blue+Gold students with sufficient financial need may qualify for additional grant aid to help reduce the cost of attending. For more information, visit: [universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold)

**Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)<sup>1</sup>** - The Middle Class Scholarship program applies to undergraduate students with family incomes and assets up to \$191,000 and who attend a University of California or California State University campus. Scholarship amounts are based on a sliding scale according to your family income and the other types of support you receive. More information is available from [csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov).

<sup>1</sup>You must meet all eligibility requirements as well as the March 2 deadline.

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## Are You Eligible for Aid at UCI?

To receive financial aid you must meet these requirements:

- Apply by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Not owe a refund on a federal grant
- Not be in default on a federal educational loan

(NOTE: If you are not eligible to file a FAFSA and qualify for the AB540 fee exemption, please see the back panel of this brochure.)



## Deadlines

### It is critical that you meet all financial aid deadlines!

If you miss a deadline, you will be considered for federal aid but not state or institutional need-based aid.

### MARCH 2 is the submission deadline for:

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
- **Cal Grant GPA Verification Form**

*Please speak with your high school or community college to make sure this is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission by the deadline.*

If the Financial Aid Office needs other documents from you, we will send you submission instructions by e-mail. *My Aid*, accessed from our financial aid website, will provide the appropriate due dates.

You will be given at least two weeks for submission.

## Cost of Attending UC Irvine

(2021-22 estimated costs for undergraduate students)

Tuition and fees are \$15,902.23, which includes an estimated \$1,962.18 per year mandatory health insurance fee. You may be able to waive this fee if you can demonstrate coverage.

Non-residents of California add \$29,754 in non-resident tuition and fees.

Other expenses include room and board, books and supplies, personal expenses and transportation. These may vary per individual student.



For a complete list of expenses, please check:

**[ofas.uci.edu/cost/undergraduate-costs/new-students.php](https://ofas.uci.edu/cost/undergraduate-costs/new-students.php)**

*NOTE: Costs are subject to change.*

Use the *Net Price Calculator* on our website: (**[ofas.uci.edu/cost/net-price-calculator.php](https://ofas.uci.edu/cost/net-price-calculator.php)**) to receive a personalized estimate of the cost of attendance and financial aid that might be available.

## Helpful Websites

**[ofas.uci.edu](https://ofas.uci.edu)** – Our website provides all you need to know about UCI financial aid. From here, you may also access your UCI Financial Aid information from *My Aid*.

*NOTE: You must activate your UCI login (UCI Net ID) at [activate.uci.edu](https://activate.uci.edu) so you can access online services, including My Aid.*

**[studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)** – The U.S. Department of Education's website provides all you need to know about federal financial aid.

**[csac.ca.gov](https://csac.ca.gov)** – The California State Aid Commission's website provides all you need to know about state financial aid.

## Searching for Scholarships

**University Scholarships** – The university will identify eligible students based on the information provided on the UC Application for Admissions and Scholarships. For a list of university scholarship opportunities, visit: **[ofas.uci.edu/scholarships/uci-scholarship-central/index.php](https://ofas.uci.edu/scholarships/uci-scholarship-central/index.php)**.

**External Scholarships** – Private agencies and organizations grant many scholarships to students based on academic achievement, artistic talent, intended career field and volunteerism. For a list of external scholarship opportunities, visit the Scholarships Resource Center online database at **[ofas.uci.edu/scholarships/external-scholarships.php](https://ofas.uci.edu/scholarships/external-scholarships.php)**.

## Financial Aid Application Process

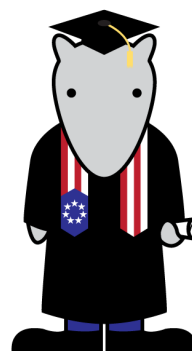
- Apply for a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) early at **studentaid.gov** so you can interact with U.S. Department of Education websites (including electronically signing your FAFSA.)
- Submit a 2021-22 FAFSA at **studentaid.gov** or using the new **myStudentAid** mobile app (downloadable on the Apple App Store or Google Play) no later than the **March 2 deadline** listing UC Irvine – the school code is **001314**.
- If you are eligible, we strongly recommend using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to retrieve your income information when completing the FAFSA.
- Keep a printed confirmation of your submission.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) to make sure the information you submitted is correct. If changes are necessary, make them from the FAFSA website as soon as possible.

## Financial Aid Tips

- Adjust your email filters and spam blockers to allow emails from *finaid@uci.edu*.
- Check your emails frequently. It is important that you follow the instructions sent to you.
- Submit requested documents from our office by the deadlines specified on *My Aid*.
- Print your name and UCI Student ID# on documents you submit.
- If your circumstances change or if you need additional help, contact our office immediately.

## Scholarship Tips

- **Start your scholarship search early.** Many deadlines are between December and May for funding for the following school year.
- **Keep a record of your achievements** including awards received, nominations, internships, volunteerism, employment, etc.
- **Beware of scams.** You should **never** have to pay to apply for scholarships or financial aid.



## Financial Aid for DREAM Act Students

Students who are not eligible to file a FAFSA and qualify for the AB540 fee exemption can apply for Cal Grants, UC Irvine Grant, the Middle Class Scholarship and the Dream Loan by completing the California Dream Application available from **www.caldreamact.org**.

**DEADLINE: March 2, 2021**

Dream Act students may also apply for UC and external scholarships.

For more information about aid available to Dreamers at UCI, visit: **<https://www.ofas.uci.edu/paying-for-uci/applying-for-aid/ca-dream-act/index.php>**

**Background:** The California Dream Acts – AB130 and AB131 – extend eligibility for certain types of institutional and state aid to students, including undocumented students, who qualify for benefits under another California law – AB540 – which exempts students from paying nonresident supplemental tuition.



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**The State of California requires that you be told the following:** Federal student loans are available to most students regardless of income and provide a range of repayment options including income-based repayment plans and loan forgiveness benefits, which other education loans are not required to provide.