Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholarship Tenure Contract

2015-2016 Terms and Conditions for Domestic Non-Resident

1. Tenure of Scholarship

Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholars entering as freshmen are appointed for eight semesters; scholars entering as advanced standing students are appointed for four semesters. All appointments are for the academic year, but are subject to review prior to renewal each semester. Summer sessions are not covered by the scholarship.

2. Scholarship Benefits and Privileges

Prestige: This scholarship carries the highest honor awarded by the University of California, Berkeley to entering undergraduates.

Monetary Award: Scholars are granted a financial award to meet their total financial need as determined by the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, or an honorary award of $100,000 over four years to cover non-resident fees for those with no financial need. If the non-resident fees are waived, the scholar will receive an honorary award of $10,000 over four years. Refer to conditions 4 through 8, below.

Priority Registration: We encourage all new students to attend the earliest possible CalSO program for Phase I of Tele-BEARS enrollment. Beginning with the 2011-12 incoming freshman class, Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholars will receive priority enrollment for Phase II of Tele-BEARS for their first term, and for both phases of Tele-BEARS during subsequent terms.

Housing: Scholars are offered the distinguished opportunity of guaranteed housing in a University Residence hall for the tenure of their scholarship. Scholars requesting University housing are guaranteed campus housing for their scholarship tenure. To maintain eligibility for this housing guarantee, scholars must:

- Apply for housing each year by the published housing deadline; www.housing.berkeley.edu.
- Maintain Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholar status.
- Adhere to all Residential policies, procedures, and standards of student conduct.
- Request a room type for which they are eligible. (First year students are ineligible for singles due to limited availability.)

Housing preferences are granted whenever possible, but are not guaranteed. Scholars are encouraged to note their housing preferences on the housing application. Please be advised that housing offers are based on availability, and although Residential and Student Service Programs will do its best to meet scholars' requests, preferences cannot be guaranteed. Scholars who wish to room with another Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholar must each note the other's name and UC Berkeley student ID number on their housing application. Residential and Student Service Programs will do its best to honor scholar requests to share a room with a non-scholar roommate, however the housing guarantee scholars are granted is not transferable to non-scholar students.

Regents’ and Chancellor’s Research Fellowship: The Regents’ and Chancellor’s Research Fellowship is an opportunity for current Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholars to apply for a one-time fellowship of up to $1,000 for research projects or research-related travel.

Faculty Mentor: Scholars are assigned a personal Faculty Mentor for guidance on long-term academic and professional plans. Consult college and major advisors for major requirements and class schedule issues.

Scholars Association: Scholars may join the Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholars Association (RCSA) which links scholars via academic, professional development and social events and service projects; http://rcsa.berkeley.edu .

Financial Aid Advising: The Undergraduate Scholarships, Prizes, and Honors Office, students.berkeley.edu/scholarships, acts as intermediary with the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

3. Academic Requirements and Renewal

Scholars must be enrolled full time each semester according to the requirements of their chosen college and must make satisfactory academic progress toward a baccalaureate degree. Scholars can review their award on the...
Financial Aid Award Notification from the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office or via the Financial Aid Offer Letter online (http://bearfacts.berkeley.edu) each year they are eligible for the award.

4. Honorarium

Scholars with no financial need as determined by the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office receive an honorarium of $100,000 over the four year tenure of their scholarship eligibility to cover non-resident fees. If the non-resident fees are waived, the scholar will receive an honorary award of $10,000 over four years.

5. Need-Based Award

Scholars may not receive more than their financial need as determined by the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Domestic and international scholars who wish to be considered for an award above the honorarium must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to the Federal Student Aid Information Center for each academic year of their scholarship tenure. Scholars may complete the FAFSA online by the March 2 deadline. A United States Social Security Number is required to complete the form.

Scholarship amounts are subject to the availability of funds, and are determined annually, according to financial aid guidelines. The Regents’ and Chancellor's Scholarship is designed to supplement scholars' resources (e.g. savings, earnings, family contribution, grants, and other scholarships, including those awarded by non-university organizations). Awards may not exceed the Undergraduate Student Budget set each year by the University, and are applied to the financial aid package after federal and state grants (e.g. Pell Grants, Cal Grants) and other scholarships or awards (e.g. National Merit, Governor's, Alumni Leadership Scholarships). You can view the 2015-2016 budget for a general breakdown: http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/cost-attendance. If a scholar's full financial need is met by federal and state grants as well as other scholarships and awards, the monetary award may not be granted.

6. Reporting Requirements, Citizenship Requirements and Scholarship Award Revisions

Scholars must report to the campus Financial Aid and Scholarships Office all financial assistance received from any source, as well as all increases and reductions in financial resources, from the date of acceptance throughout each academic year during which the scholarship is held. Any scholarship increase is subject to approval by the Undergraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Honors Office. Scholars receive notification of revised scholarship amounts when they have returned all required documents and these documents have been reviewed by the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

Citizenship Requirements: U.S. citizens, eligible noncitizens and international students with valid visa are eligible for the monetary award of the Regents’ and Chancellor's Scholarship. If documentation cannot be produced you may be eligible for the monetary award once you complete a separate financial aid application for undocumented students.

Annual Assessment of Need: The financial need of each scholar is evaluated annually and may be re-evaluated within a given year based on information reported to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

Verification: Re-evaluation of the scholarship amount may occur when UC Berkeley financial aid recipients are selected for Verification of information provided on the FAFSA.

Outside Aid: Re-evaluation may occur if a scholar receives other financial assistance, including outside scholarships, or if unforeseen circumstances cause a reduction or increase in a scholar's resources. Outside agency awards are applied toward a scholar's gross financial need and may require the campus to reduce the amount of the Regents’ and Chancellor's Scholarship award.

7. Budgetary Increases

The Regents’ and Chancellor's Scholarship may not exceed a scholar’s financial need within the Undergraduate Student Budget. The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office approves or denies student appeals for budgetary increases above the Undergraduate Student Budget. Such increases are not covered by the Scholarship, but rather are met with self-help funding (e.g. Work Study, Direct Subsidized Loan) or outside agency funds.
8. Scholarships and Tax
Scholarships may be subject to tax. Contact the Internal Revenue Service, www.irs.gov, each calendar year for current laws and regulations. Awards of international scholars may be subject to tax withholdings prior to each disbursement of the scholarship; for vital information, visit the Disbursements Office, 2195 Hearst, Suite 120, Berkeley, CA 94720-1101, http://controller-dev.berkeley.edu/disbursements/index.htm.

9. Change of Academic Status
Scholars must notify the Undergraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Honors Office of any change in academic status, such as taking less than the required minimum of eight units, taking a leave of absence, or withdrawing from UC Berkeley.

10. Leave of Absence and Suspension of Semesters of Scholarship Eligibility
Scholars granted an official leave of absence by the University must notify the Undergraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Honors Office. All scholars must complete at least one semester of attendance and scholarship disbursement before being eligible to suspend their semesters of scholarship eligibility while on official leave of absence. Scholars on official leave may suspend their semesters of scholarship eligibility for a maximum of two semesters.

Scholars who do not notify the Undergraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Honors Office of a leave of absence will lose semesters of scholarship tenure equivalent to the time not enrolled. Without an approved leave of absence, Scholars not enrolled for more than two consecutive semesters will have their scholarship discontinued and must appeal for reinstatement.

11. Academic Requirements and Renewal
Scholars must be enrolled full time each semester according to the requirements of their chosen college and must make satisfactory academic progress toward a baccalaureate degree. The goal is for all scholars to maintain a minimum 3.000 cumulative GPA. All scholars receive an Official Offer of Financial Aid from the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office each year they are eligible for the award. Scholars who do not receive this offer may contact the Scholarship Coordinator.

12. No Transfer Privilege
Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholarships are not transferable to other University of California campuses.

13. Code of Student Conduct
To maintain eligibility for the Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholarship during the academic year, you must be enrolled as a UC Berkeley student during the academic year (fall and spring semesters) and be in good academic standing with the University. Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholars are members of the University community and are expected to comply with all laws, University policies and campus regulations, conducting themselves in ways that support a scholarly environment. During the tenure of your Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholarship, you must agree to be guided by the Berkeley Campus Code of Student Conduct. http://sa.berkeley.edu/conduct

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