Our mission is to provide students access to an excellent education. Students who demonstrate the need for financial assistance may be eligible for scholarships, grants, loans, and/or work-study.

- Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit combined with financial need.
- Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and do not need to be repaid.
- Loans are funds that must be repaid over a period of time, usually after you leave school and usually with interest.
- Work-study is funding awarded on the basis of financial need that you may earn by working at a part-time job.

**The Berkeley Middle Class Access Plan (MCAP)** - Unique to Berkeley, MCAP is an innovative program designed to make the cost of an undergraduate degree more affordable for middle-class families. For families whose total annual income is less than $150,000. Scholarship amounts are based on a sliding scale according to family income and usually with interest.

**INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE**

**Are You Eligible for Aid?**

To receive financial aid, you are required to:

- Apply by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California Dream Act Application. Priority deadline is March 2. This will determine your financial need for most grants, scholarships, subsidized loans, and work-study awards.
- Submit a Cal Grant GPA Verification Form to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2.
- Be a U.S. citizen, an eligible noncitizen, or be eligible for California Dream Act aid.
- Be registered with Selective Service (if required).
- Be enrolled in courses and working toward a degree or certificate.
- Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Not owe a refund on a federal grant or be in default on a federal educational loan.

**INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS MAKE US AN AFFORDABLE CHOICE**

**Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan - The University of California Berkeley and Gold Opportunity Plan** make college more affordable for California residents. This plan ensures that system-wide tuition and fees are completely covered by a combination of all sources of scholarships and grants for California residents who have an annual family income of less than $80,000 a year and who qualify for financial aid. Students must meet all eligibility requirements and deadlines.

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**Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)** - The Middle Class Scholarship is for California resident undergraduates with family incomes of up to $150,000. Scholarship amounts are determined by the California Student Aid Commission and are based on a sliding scale according to family income and the other types of financial aid a student is receiving.

**Financial Aid Tips**

- When applying for aid, include UC Berkeley school code 001992.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) or CalSAR carefully to make sure the information you submitted is correct. If you need to make changes or corrections, update your application online as soon as possible. Keep a printed confirmation of your submission.
- Submit requested documents by the deadlines specified on MyFinAid.
- Print your name and Berkeley Student ID (SID) number on all documents you submit. To ensure your sensitive information is protected, please do not use your Social Security Number.
- Check your email frequently. We will send you reminders and updates via email. It is important that you follow any instructions sent to you.
- If your circumstances change or if you need additional assistance, contact Cal Student Central at 510-642-9181 or studentcentral.berkeley.edu.
- Start your search for external scholarships early and keep track of deadlines.

Visit financialaid.berkeley.edu for more information and tips!
## Cost of Attending UC Berkeley

2015-16 estimated costs for undergraduate students. Optional health insurance add $2,580. Actual tuition, fees, and charges are subject to change by the Regents of the University of California and could be affected by increases or reductions in state funding or other developments. Please check financialaid.berkeley.edu for updated figures.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES

- **fafsa.ed.gov** – Apply for aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **dream.csac.ca.gov** – Apply for aid using California’s Dream Act Application.
- **pin.ed.gov** – Create a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to interact with U.S. Department of Education websites (including electronically signing your FAFSA).
- **myfinaid.berkeley.edu** – Access and update your financial aid information, grant parent access, report external scholarships, and more on MyFinAid using your CalNet ID to log in.
- **undocu.berkeley.edu** – Learn more about the resources available for undocumented students.
- **financialaid.berkeley.edu** – Learn more about financial aid and use the “Cal-calculator” for a personalized estimate of your Cost of Attendance and financial aid that might be available.
- **admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/glossary/blue-and-gold** – The University of California’s website about the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan.
- **registrar.berkeley.edu** – Learn more about the Statement of Legal Residence (SLR).
- **calgrants.org** – The website for information about the Cal Grant Program.