Dear Prospective Scholar:

Welcome and congratulations on your outstanding academic record and personal achievements. The Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships awarded by the University of California, Berkeley. As a Professor and as Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education, I’ve spent over thirty years as part of the Berkeley community. I’d like to share my thoughts about what makes this campus extraordinary and why it might be the place for you!

**Why Berkeley?**

Berkeley is consistently ranked by our peers as a leading public university in the United States and among the very best research universities in the world. As a student at Cal, the possibilities are limitless. You will have access to courses in an amazing range of fields, including some you’ve never encountered before. You will have access to the treasures at the UC Berkeley Library, and as a student you will participate in our unique American Cultures (AC) curriculum, which has been recognized as a national model for its integrative and comparative analyses of race, culture and ethnicity in the United States. UC Berkeley also creates unique Discovery Experiences for you to develop your passions into ambitious projects that often go beyond the walls of the classroom. We encourage you to check out a few short videos of Cal students telling their stories about what they discovered at Berkeley as budding researchers, entrepreneurs, artists, community activists, and more. There are so many options for Cal students, including the Berkeley Arts Passport to gain access to tickets to world-class cultural events across the Bay Area; the Berkeley Public Service Center, where you engage with social justice programs, civic engagement and social change; and the Berkeley Education Abroad Programs, through which you can take your Cal education on the road to another country.

What you’ll soon discover is that there’s no “typical” student at Cal. Our students share a respect for difference as an enriching part of their experience. The campus boasts over 1,000 registered student groups. Whether you want to work on a student-run science journal, humor magazine, literary or law review; perform in a play, jazz band, or choral ensemble; teach a student-initiated course, tutor in the Student Learning Center; play a field sport, swim, or play basketball, you’ll find yourself surrounded by stimulating peers who are just as curious, motivated, and talented as yourself. Cal students represent a wide range of political viewpoints, cultural backgrounds, and intellectual interests, and we are situated in one of the most vibrant, exciting and beautiful metropolitan areas in the world.

**Is Cal Right for You?**

At Cal, the possibilities for your learning inside and outside of the classroom are endless and we are committed to helping you make the important connections that will carry you not only through your time here, but for your entire life. Many services exist at Cal to facilitate your education and personal and professional growth. Your successful journey begins right now - know that our professors, staff members, and college advisors will provide you with the support you’ll need to navigate and make the most of the extraordinary breadth of opportunity that characterizes the Berkeley experience. For even more information about our majors and many other student resources go [here](#). I wish you success in all your future endeavors and hope to see you in the Fall at Cal!

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