



Dear Future Bruin!

Congratulations on your recent admission to UCLA! We know that the prospect of affording a college education presents a great challenge to students and their families. We want to share information about several financial aid and scholarship opportunities offered at UCLA that are NOT part of your Provisional Aid Letter. These programs can make UCLA an even more affordable choice for you and your family.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to (1) sign up for an account in the **UCLA Prospective Undergraduate Scholarship Portal** (https://prospective-ugstudents-ucla.academicworks.com/users/sign_up) and (2) complete the application there by March 30, 2023. That will earn you consideration for additional UCLA scholarship opportunities, which you can extend further by (3) searching and applying for other opportunities within the Portal that require additional application elements beyond the general application.

The Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP) offers eligible low-income students the opportunity to earn money to help defray their educational costs while gaining education-aligned, career-related employment. This state-supported program will allow UCLA to offer about 150 positions in the upcoming academic year. More information and application instructions will be available at <https://financialaid.ucla.edu/special-aid-programs/learning-aligned-education-program>.

For continuing students beyond the first year, UCLA offers many further financial aid opportunities to UCLA students who engage with its programs. In pursuing those you can not only minimize your potential student debt upon graduation, but also enrich your UCLA experience in the process and boost your prospects for graduate or professional school admissions and employment beyond your time at UCLA!

The Californians for All Corps at UCLA offers continuing low-income students the opportunity to apply for one of about 150 paid fellowships in community service. This state-supported program will help create debt-free pathways to college while engaging students across the state in solving problems in their communities. More information and application instructions available at <https://financialaid.ucla.edu/special-aid-programs/californians-for-all-corps>.

The Center for Scholarships and Scholar Enrichment (CSSE, formerly known as the Scholarship Resource Center) administers a large number of scholarships to which you may apply as a continuing student at UCLA. Those reside in a separate UCLA scholarship portal accessible to enrolled UCLA students with a UCLA logon ID and password: <https://ucla.academicworks.com/>. More importantly, the Center offers free scholarship mentoring services to UCLA students and alumni, including brainstorming for scholarship essays, feedback on scholarship essay drafts and strategies for obtaining strong letters of recommendation to help you identify and win scholarships not only at UCLA, but also from private and outside-agency sources. For example, a series of Zoom workshops called **Secrets to Winning College Cash** teaches UCLA students to conduct successful scholarship searches and apply winning strategies to their applications: <https://www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/workshops-and-events/>.

The Academic Advancement Program (AAP) offers three scholarship program opportunities to its members: the annual AAP Scholarship for current students – freshmen and transfers may apply and recipients receive funding the following year

(<https://www.aap.ucla.edu/aap-scholarship/>). Winners range from 50-60 students a year. Freshman may also apply for the Wilson Scholarship (<https://www.aap.ucla.edu/aap-scholarship/wilson-academic-advancement-scholarship/>); recipients are awarded for the following three years. The Arthur Ashe Scholarship is for AAP students with a minimum 3.5 GPA (<https://www.aap.ucla.edu/arthur-ashe-legacy-scholarship/>). AAP also awards its students programmatic opportunities that carry stipends, such as the McNair Research Scholars Program (<https://www.aap.ucla.edu/programs/mcnair-research-scholars/>), the High AIMS mentoring program (<https://www.aap.ucla.edu/programs/high-aims/>) and more.

The Undergraduate Research Center – Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (URC-HASS) offers six scholarship programs to current UCLA undergraduates interested or involved in research and creative inquiry. Scholarship awards range from \$300 for the quarter-long, introductory Research Revealed program (<https://hass.ugresearch.ucla.edu/scholarships/research-revealed/>) to \$17,000 for the two-year-long Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship program (<https://hass.ugresearch.ucla.edu/scholarships/mmuf/>). In addition to scholarships, program participants receive mentorship and academic and professional development.

The Undergraduate Research Center – Sciences (URC-Sciences) supports life science, physical science and engineering student researchers. Seven academic scholarship programs are available for continuing students who conduct UCLA faculty-supervised research and meet other varying eligibility requirements. Scholarship awards vary, ranging from \$3,000 (Undergraduate Research Fellows Program -- <https://sciences.ugresearch.ucla.edu/programs-and-scholarships/urfp/>) to \$18,000 (Beckman Scholars Program -- <https://sciences.ugresearch.ucla.edu/programs-and-scholarships/beckman-scholars/>). In addition to funding, these programs help students develop lab skills through their research and offer academic and professional development resources.

Honors Programs offers 21 scholarships to continuing Honors students. In addition to these scholarship opportunities, students who engage consistently with Honors Programs in the areas of research during their UCLA careers can unlock stipend funding opportunities. Click here for more information on Honors scholarships and stipends: [Honors Scholarships and Stipends](#).

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) offers a number of scholarship opportunities for continuing students, as well as incoming transfer students, including the Astin Community Engaged Scholars, the Changemaker Scholars, the Data Justice Scholars, the Internship Scholarship Award, and the Alex White Scholarship; more information on the CCE website under “Student Programs” at <https://communityengagement.ucla.edu/>. CCE offers scholarships to upper-division students who have a commitment to making community engagement a cornerstone of their undergraduate education, particularly in the form of community and publicly engaged research, and/or internships, will find a number of opportunities to have that work supported through CCE.

Other UCLA Scholarships are available to continuing students in specific programs and majors. The best departmental contact for scholarship information is usually the Student Affairs Advisor or the Undergraduate Counselor. Most departments will also have scholarship information on their websites.

If you have questions on any of these funding opportunities, we encourage you to reach out to the individual units via their website links provided. Congratulations again, and we hope to see you at UCLA in the fall!

Sincerely,

UCLA Financial Aid & Scholarships

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