

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



Applying to the
UC System

A guide for students

FRESHMEN APPLICATION IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Dates & deadlines

You can start working on your fall application NOW **submit it by November 30.**

Submit your application:

November 1 – 30

Launch your application via [California Colleges](#)

Once logged in:

Click Colleges

Click apply to University of California



University of California - First year Applicant Links



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After You Apply

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College Basics

Important Links

My Tasks
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Goals
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Other College Resources

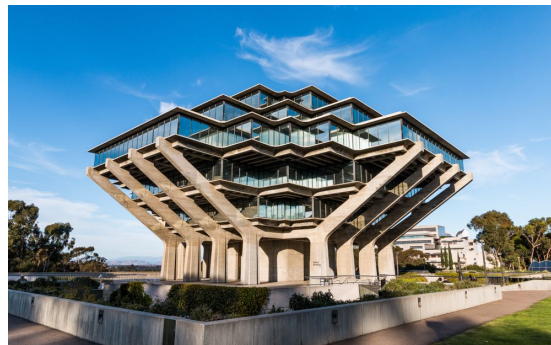
Your Education and
Training Options
Building Your College
List

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- An email address and password are required in order to create an account.
- You should use the email account you use for all applications, just to make it easier to remember.
- We also recommend you use a **non-school issued email account** (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo).
- Campuses send important, time-sensitive correspondence to applicants, so you should check your email regularly (including your spam folders).

UC San Diego



SELECTING TERM AND LEVEL

- After you create an account, you'll need to select the term you're applying for (Fall 2024) and your applicant level (**You will be a first time freshman**).
- If you've completed college courses during high school - through summer after graduation - you're still considered a freshman applicant.

Saving information

- You should click "Save & continue" at the bottom of each page to save any entered information
- There is a 20-minute inactivity period after which the application will automatically sign you out



UC APPLICATION SECTIONS

About you

This first section has several pages asking about information about you and your family. You may need to ask your parents or legal guardians for help on these questions — that's OK!

Campuses & majors

This is where you'll select which campuses you're applying to and the majors you're interested in. If you aren't sure what you want to major in yet, you can choose "Undecided" or "Undeclared."

Academic history **If you launched your application through CaliforniaColleges.edu, this step is DONE!**

Here you'll enter the courses and grades from all schools you've attended while in high school. If you took high school-level math or language other than English in middle school (7th and 8th grades), you will have a chance to report those courses and grades in this section.

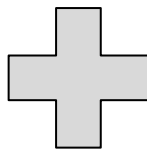
Make sure you refer to your transcripts (or academic records) as you fill out any information

If you need a transcript click appropriate link below:

[CHS Transcript Request Form](#)

HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST ME?

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- Keep in mind each application costs \$80
- UC will waive application fees for up to 4 campuses for qualified students –
 - UC application will ask about your family size and family income information as part of the application to determine your eligibility.

UC APPLICATION SECTIONS

Test scores:

UC IS NOT REQUIRING ANY SAT OR ACT TEST SCORES TO BE SUBMITTED



AP exams:

Complete this section using data from your [CollegeBoard](#) account

You do not need to send your official scores until you have committed to attending a specific campus.

UC APPLICATION SECTIONS

Activities & awards

This is your opportunity to tell us about what you're most proud of outside the classroom. We're looking for quality, not quantity – so make sure to focus on the activities and awards that are most important to you.

Scholarships & programs

You should select any and all scholarship categories that apply to you (there's no limit on the number of scholarships you can select). You can also indicate if you're interested in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which provides support services when you're at UC.

What is EOP??

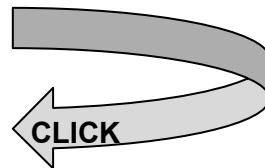
[Click here for more info.](#)



PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS (PIQ'S)

This is the section where you'll need to answer the personal insight questions. You'll have 8 questions to choose from, and you must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions

[Personal insight question information from University of California](#)



- You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions.
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you: But you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.



HELPFUL LINKS TO HELP YOU WITH THE WRITING PROCESS

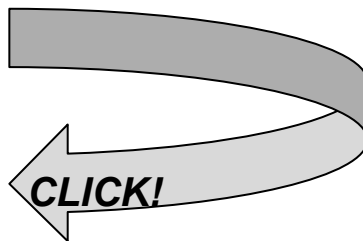
Ready to get started?

- ★ It's a good idea to work on the questions before you enter them into the application. Here's a word doc with all the questions to help you.

Here are some Printable Guides for you!

[Personal Insight Questions: A guide for Freshman Applicants](#)

[Download the Insight Questions](#)



BEFORE YOU SUBMIT....Let us check your Application!



**KEEP
CALM
AND
CHECK
YOUR WORK**

REVIEW AND SUBMIT!



Review & submit

This is the last page you'll visit before you start submitting the application. If you have remaining items to complete, you will see a "To Do" next to that section.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR AC REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE YOU CLICK SUBMIT

Submitting the application

Finally, you'll **need to pay** your application fees (either by check/mail or credit card) and can apply for a fee waiver if you didn't automatically qualify for one earlier in the application.

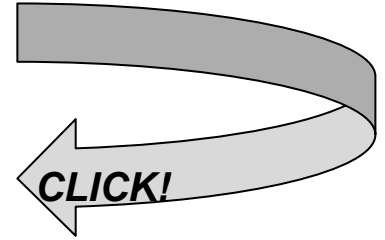
Confirmation

Once you've submitted your application, you'll see a confirmation page [with important reminders and your UC Application ID Number which is used to access the various campus student portals](#) and, in many cases, to access your admission decisions. **Write this information down or take a picture of it with your phone!**

AFTER YOU APPLY....

[Click here for more information on what happens next....](#)

*Each UC campus will notify you of its admission decision, generally by March 31.



Workshop Dates

Every Monday during October and November

Monday, October 9, 16, 23, and 30

Monday, November 6, 13, and 27

Time: Lunch



The poster is titled "College Application Workshop" in white text on a blue background. It features several logos and icons: a cougar head in a circle with the text "COUGARS GO TO COLLEGE!" below it; the California Community Colleges logo; the CSU logo with the text "The California State University"; the University of California logo with the word "Apply" below it; and a map of the United States with various state flags. A white hexagon on the right contains the text "CHS Academic Coordinators are here to help". At the bottom, a white line with circles at each end contains the text "DATES AND TIMES" in blue, followed by "Every Monday October and November Student Services 12:55 pm to 1:25 pm Lunch Time" in white.

College Application Workshop

CSU, UC, Private, Out of State and Community College

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