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UC application deadline reminder and resources

The UC application deadline is fast approaching. **UC applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Time) on November 30, 2023.** Applicants should be aware that once the application has been submitted, very little personal information can be changed. [First-year](#) and [transfer](#) applicants should review the information provided in the “After you apply” webpage for more information on application changes post-submission.

Please remind students that applications are not considered on a first-come, first-serve basis during the submission period; however, once an application is submitted, applicants cannot retract or submit a duplicate application. Duplicate applications will be canceled.

As students work on their [UC application](#), they can utilize the built-in help and support throughout each section. Applicants can view answers to their commonly asked questions on each page by clicking ‘Help’ in the top navigation bar or by clicking on the blue ‘i’ icons seen throughout the application. Students needing further assistance can contact the UC Application Center via phone or email. The center is available Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Pacific Time). Visit the [UC application login page](#) for more information.

- ucinfo@applyucsupport.net
- (800) 207-1710 (within the U.S.)
- (925) 298-6856 (outside the U.S.)

UC application fees and waiver

The fall 2024 application fee is **\$80** per campus (\$95 per campus for international students). UC will continue to waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualifying students. The online fee waiver is within the UC admission application and uses the applicant’s family size and income to determine eligibility. During the payment process, the UC application will notify the student of their eligibility and allow them to apply the waiver.

If an applicant received a fee waiver from an outside source or is requesting a fee waiver

based on changes in current financial circumstances, they may indicate that they will pay fees by mail and either submit a College Board or NACAC fee waiver in lieu of payment for four campuses or email the UC Application Center at ucinfo@applyucsupport.net. External fee waivers and requests for UC fee waivers can be submitted after filing the UC application. Fee waiver requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Fee waivers from different sources cannot be combined to cover application fees for more than four campuses.

UC's application fee waiver program is for United States citizens, permanent residents and applicants eligible for AB 540 benefits who meet the annual [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#).

This information is also on page 56 of the [Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions](#).

Quick Reference Guide highlight: Does major selection matter?

For many UC applicants, their intended major is an important factor when deciding which UC campuses to apply to. Similarly, an applicant's major selection may be a factor in their admission decision. To assist you and your students, we have compiled information in the [Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions](#) from all nine UC campuses about how major selections are considered, as well as which majors are most selective at both the freshman and transfer levels. We encourage you to review the following charts for more information.

Freshman/first-year

- For which programs is the intended major a factor in admission? (pages 27–28)
- Does the campus consider students for an alternate major? (page 28)
- Which colleges, schools or majors are most selective? (page 29)

Transfer

- Does the campus consider students for an alternate major? (page 48)
- Which colleges, schools or majors require major preparation coursework? (page 50)
- Which colleges, schools or majors are highly selective? (pages 51–52)

The [Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions](#), updated annually, is a comprehensive counselor resource for UC admission policy and practice information. We encourage you to bookmark this guide. Stay tuned for more Quick Reference highlights to help address common questions and support you in your work with students.

UC application verification

As in previous years, UC selects a random sampling of applicants who are required to verify information in their application. The selection and notification take place in mid-December. Applicants are notified by postal mail, email and text message that they have been selected for verification along with instructions on how to meet the requirements. Applicants are asked to provide original documentation to verify one item from the following sections on the UC application: academic history, honors and awards, extracurricular activities, volunteer work and community service, special program participation, employment or information contained in the personal insight responses.

The instructions sent to the selected applicants detail how to complete the process as well as a list of appropriate documentation. Appropriate documentation could include official transcripts, a letter from a teacher, counselor or coach on letterhead or a copy of a certificate or award. Letters from a counselor, teacher or a coach can be emailed to the UC Application Center directly from the counselor, teacher or coach. The deadline to respond is **January 31, 2024**. Failure to respond to the request by the deadline will result in cancellation of the application.

Personal Insight Question (PIQ) plagiarism check

After the November 30 deadline, UC reviews all PIQ responses for plagiarism by using a plagiarism detection software program. Applicants who are found with a potential plagiarism violation will be emailed in early January.

Applicants will be provided instructions on how to provide information regarding the authenticity of their PIQ responses. The information applicants provide will be reviewed by several campus admissions officials, and applicants will be notified of a decision on the authenticity of their PIQ responses.

The deadline to respond is **January 19, 2024**. Failure to respond to the request by the deadline will result in cancellation of the application.

Campus spotlight

[Slugworks](#), a new “creatorspace” on the UC Santa Cruz campus located in the Jack Baskin Engineering building, is full of tools and machines for all types of crafting, metalworking, fabrication, woodworking, and more. But for the people who envisioned, planned and are making Slugworks a reality, fostering a collaborative community within the space is just as important as the machines and tools.

Slugworks, which is now open to all undergraduates, is designed to be a space for students to pursue their projects and passions side by side and in collaboration with others from across campus. Throughout the quarter, Slugworks will host two classes, a series of free workshops and open lab hours for students to take advantage of this creative space. The current open hours run from noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, with weekend open hours in the works.

“Inclusion, innovation, and imagination are our big pillars,” said Slugworks manager

Nick Kouatli. “In my eyes, I think it's the coolest thing when you can get a bunch of different minds working together. When we work interdisciplinarily, really cool things happen. We want to create an open, welcoming, and collaborative community.”

Learn more about Slugworks in this [October 16 article](#).

Dates and deadlines

November 30: UC application submission deadline for fall 2024