UC IS COMMITTED TO ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY FOR ITS STUDENTS

Against the backdrop of reduced support from the state, the University of California has held fast to its historic commitment of affordability and access for its students.

KEEPING UC AFFORDABLE

UC has not raised tuition for the past three years. Our current in-state tuition and fees compare favorably to other top-tier public research universities around the country and are well below those of private research universities.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Our financial aid program is one of the strongest in the country, and it is the primary way that we ensure that financial considerations are not a barrier to access.

In fact, we enroll a greater proportion and number of low-income and first-generation college students than any other top-tier research university in the country.

PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FAMILIES WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOMES OF $50K OR LESS

- UC: 42%
- Other selective public: 23%
- Selective private: 17%
- Ivy league: 15%

PERCENTAGE OF FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

- 41% of the 2013 freshman class were first-generation college students.
- 30% came from homes in which English is not the primary language.
ROBUST FINANCIAL AID

Through the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan and other financial aid, all tuition is covered for eligible California students with household incomes of $80,000 or less. As a result, 55 percent of California resident students pay no tuition.

In fact, our robust financial aid program has helped keep the net cost of college attendance — the total cost of attendance minus financial aid received — flat over the last 10 years for California undergraduate students coming from households with incomes of $50,000 or less. And it is nearly flat for those from households of incomes between $50,000 and $100,000, even as sharp cuts in state funding forced the university to increase tuition.

We also provide financial help to our middle-class families. Seventy-one percent of all UC undergraduate students received some form of aid in 2013-14, and a new state-funded middle-class scholarship program will begin this year to provide additional funds to undergraduate students with family incomes up to $150,000.

NEARLY HALF HAVE NO STUDENT DEBT

One of the ways we measure the success of our financial aid programs is by looking at student debt upon graduation. Here, too, the strength of UC aid is evident:

Nearly half of UC's 2012-13 graduating class had no loan debt. For those undergraduate students who did borrow, the average loan debt after graduation was about $20,500, well below the national average.

As the nation's premier public research university, the University of California stands out not only for excellence in education, but for its unflagging commitment that cost should not be an obstacle to enrollment for the state's best and brightest students.