

COST-SAVING TIPS

→ Graduate Sooner: Three-year pathways

Thirty-three of UC Santa Cruz's 74 majors offer three-year pathways that give first-year students a clear plan to graduate in less time. Save on costs and get an earlier start on your career or graduate school!

→ Earn two degrees in five years

Earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in a streamlined five-year path with 4+1 Accelerated Master's Pathways! Begin graduate coursework your senior year, and reduce overall tuition, fees, and living expenses. 17 pathways are offered across disciplines, including engineering, physical and biological sciences, humanities, and social sciences.

→ Pay for Only 10 with Summer Session

Pay tuition for only 10 credits during Summer Session, even if you take more. It's an affordable way to earn additional credits, stay on track, or graduate sooner.



Pay for 10:
Summer Session
ucsc.link/payfor10



Three-Year
Pathways
ucsc.link/3yearpathways



4+1 Accelerated
Master's
ucsc.link/4plus1

YOUR GUIDE TO UCSC AFFORDABILITY

At UC Santa Cruz, affordability is part of our commitment to student success. Through scholarships, grants, financial aid, and cost-saving opportunities, we help students reduce the cost of a UC education, save time, and graduate with as little debt as possible. Many students pay significantly less than the published cost of attendance.



Financial Aid & Scholarships
ucsc.link/faso

admissions.ucsc.edu



UC SANTA CRUZ

SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR CALIFORNIA STUDENTS

Sabatte Family Scholarship

A **full-ride scholarship** of the highest honor, ensuring high-merit students with financial need are fully funded after other grants and scholarships. This includes **the entire cost of attendance**, from tuition to room and board and course materials. It is open to **first-year students** who are California residents.

Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award

Recognizes outstanding transfer students from **13 partner California community colleges** who have excelled academically while overcoming significant socioeconomic challenges. Selected students receive \$20,000 in scholarship support.

Middle Class Scholarship

California undergraduate students from middle-income families may qualify for a Middle Class Scholarship to help pay for a University of California education. Eligibility is based on family income, assets, and other financial aid received, and award amounts vary by student. For students attending college between July 2026 and June 2027, the income and asset ceiling is up to \$250,000.

Native American Opportunity Plan

Ensures that in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees are **fully covered** for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes.



Our Commitment to Predictable Tuition & Affordability

The **Blue & Gold Plan** is the University of California's commitment to:

- **Tuition Coverage:** Most California families that earn up to \$100,000 receive enough grant and scholarship funds to cover their UC tuition.
- **Minimized Student Debt:** With an average aid package including up to \$22,000 in grants and scholarships, many California students are able to work part-time to cover their remaining costs.
- **Tuition Predictability:** As a UC student, your tuition amount will be set when you first enroll and will remain the same for up to six years.



GET EXPERIENCE & GET PAID!

UCSC offers dedicated financial aid for experiential learning, including **paid fellowships for off-campus internships, state-funded research employment, and alumni mentorship awards**. Financial aid packages and institutional grants also apply to UC study abroad/away programs!

FOR ALL STUDENTS

Regents Scholarships

Awarded in recognition of outstanding academic achievement. Financial need is not required. **Open to first-year and transfer students, including international, non-resident, and California residents.** The award is **\$5,000 per year** and renewable as long as Satisfactory Academic Progress is met.

UCSC Merit Scholarships

All entering undergraduates are automatically considered for merit scholarships. Selection is based on a holistic review of the UC application, recognizing students' academic achievements within the context of their opportunities and experiences.

External Scholarships

Each year, **UC Santa Cruz students receive more than \$2.9 million from outside scholarship providers**. Learn more & find external scholarship opportunities at the QR code on the back of this booklet.



FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Caldwell Access Scholarships

Newly admitted **domestic out-of-state first year and transfer students** with financial need are automatically considered if the student submits their financial aid application (FAFSA) by the priority deadline. Scholarship amounts range from **\$5,000 – \$50,000** annually and are renewable as long as students continue to have financial need, are paying non-resident tuition, and are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Undergraduate Deans' Awards

95% of nonresident students receive this award! Newly admitted out-of-state and international first-year and transfer students are automatically considered. Awards range from \$12,000 to \$100,000 for first-year students and \$6,000 to \$42,000 for transfer students, paid evenly over four or two years, respectively.