Fall 2013 Undergraduate Applications
to the University of California
Information Summary

A record high of 174,767 students applied for admission to the University of California for Fall 2013, an overall increase of 8.6 percent over Fall 2012. All nine undergraduate UC campuses saw gains, ranging from 8.1 percent at Berkeley to 14.8 percent at Santa Cruz. The number of transfer applications is relatively flat – up 1.1 percent from last year.

Details about high school students applying for freshman admission and community college transfer applicants are below. Information on campus applicant counts by level and residency is displayed in tables 2.2 and 2.3. Campus applicant counts by level and ethnicity are shown in tables 3.2 and 3.3.

**Freshman Applicants.** Among California students who applied for admission as freshmen, UC experienced an increase of 6.2 percent over last year with the total number of applicants growing to 99,129. All campuses saw gains, ranging from 4.8 percent to 16.5 percent, demonstrating again the high demand for a UC education among the state’s students. On average, California students applied to 3.8 UC campuses.

In addition, some positive trends toward greater diversity in the backgrounds of students applying to UC continued. The University saw a slight increase in the proportion of students who will be the first in their family to graduate from college – 45.7 percent this year compared to 44.5 percent last year. The proportion of students from the most disadvantaged schools and the proportion of low-income applicants remained strong.

Applications from all ethnic groups increased in absolute numbers but Chicano/Latino applicants rose as a percentage of the applicant pool from 30.9 to 32.1 percent. The number of African American applicants rose 259, although the proportion of the 2013 freshman California resident applicant pool that they represent remained relatively unchanged.

These outcomes are consistent with the University’s new admissions policy, which is intended to expand consideration for admission to a broad range of students; the outcomes also reflect efforts by UC Admissions to encourage students to apply.

There were also increases in the numbers of domestic non-resident (from 19,128 to 21,970) and international (from 13,873 to 18,659) applicants for freshman admission. Notably, the increases in nonresident applicants for Fall 2013 represent less growth than the University saw in 2012.

**California Community College Transfer Applicants.** For Fall 2013, UC experienced little change in California transfer applicants. This follows exceptionally large increases in transfer applicants between 2008 and 2011. The University saw a decline in Fall 2012 of 5.8 percent, but the number of applications received for Fall 2013 remains above what was received for Fall 2010.

*Notes: The systemwide totals used above and in the attached tables are preliminary and “unduplicated,” meaning that each student is counted only once, even if he or she applied to multiple campuses. As a result, the systemwide totals are not the sum of the individual campus counts. Based on the UCAP file of 12/20/12.*

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