Fact Sheet: Fall 2014 Freshman Admissions to the University of California

The admissions outcomes reported in the summary below and the accompanying tables are preliminary and focus entirely on admission of freshman applicants. These data reflect admissions offers as of March 27, 2014. Campus and systemwide admission numbers in this report are subject to change. Transfer admissions data will be available in June.

The University of California will use a waitlist process to help campuses enroll the maximum number of freshmen consistent with their enrollment goals for state-supported students. New totals that incorporate students admitted from waitlists, as well as those admitted through the referral process described below, will be distributed with preliminary reports of Statements of Intent to Register (SIR) in the summer.

Unless otherwise noted, the universitywide totals in this summary and the tables are “unduplicated,” meaning that each student is counted only once.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

For fall 2014, the University of California admitted 86,865 applicants for freshman admission out of an applicant pool of 148,688. Table 1 shows the number of admitted students by residency for each UC campus as well as for the system over the past three years. Table 2 adds admission rates to the information shown in Table 1. Below is a summary for California residents and nonresidents.

California Freshmen

The number of California resident students admitted to the University increased by 1,031 for fall 2014. The admission rate – the percentage of applicants admitted – also increased systemwide from 60.6 percent in 2013 to 61.2 percent in 2014.

Changes in admission offers for California students are driven by campus enrollment goals, the anticipated rate at which students accept these offers, and, in some cases, by enrollment outcomes in recent years.

The University of California continues to honor its commitment to the California Master Plan for Higher Education. Students who are in the top 9 percent of their high school or the top 9 percent of the state are guaranteed admission to the University. Through a process called referral, these students will be offered the opportunity to be admitted to UC Merced if they do not receive an offer of admission from any campus to which they applied.

Out-of-State and International Freshmen

Competition for admission increased for out-of-state and international students. Applications from non-resident students increased by 19.6 percent this fall, and campuses have accommodated some of this increased demand by admitting more non-resident students – 25,745 as compared to 22,761 last year. However, there was an overall decline in the admission rates for both out-of-state and international
students. For out-of-state students, the admission rate fell from 53.8 percent in 2013 to 49 percent in 2014; for international students, it dropped from 58.2 percent in 2013 to 57.1 percent in 2014.

**Diversity**

The University maintained the diversity of its admitted 2014 class.

Table 3 shows modest improvement in the University's admission of students from historically underrepresented minority groups over the past three years. In 2014, this increase was driven by an increase in the proportion of Hispanic/Latinos in the admitted class from 27.3 percent in 2012 to 28.8 percent in 2014. The proportion of admitted students who are African American and American Indian remained virtually unchanged at 4.2 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively.

The attached bar charts show that the proportions of newly admitted freshmen who are either the first in their family to attend college, come from low-income families, or attended a California high school with a low Academic Performance Indicator (API) score remained virtually unchanged.