Fall 2016 Undergraduate Applications to the University of California

SUMMARY

- A total of 206,339 students applied for admission to the University of California for fall 2016, an overall increase of 6.4 percent over fall 2015. This is the twelfth consecutive year in which UC reported an increase in applications and the first time the total has exceeded 200,000.

- All nine undergraduate campuses saw gains, ranging from 5.8 percent at Berkeley to 13.5 percent at Merced.

- Freshman applications systemwide increased by 5.2 percent, while the preliminary count of transfer applications increased by 11.8 percent.

- Chicanos/Latinos remained the largest ethnic group among California freshman applicants and have surpassed Asian Americans to become the second largest ethnic group among California Community College transfer applicants.

- Los Angeles received the most freshman applications (97,064), followed by San Diego (84,218) and Berkeley (82,539). Fifty percent of submissions were received on the last two days of November. Students who started their application before the deadline but did not submit on November 30 were given a 24-hour grace period to complete and submit their application. An additional 6,900 students submitted applications on December 1.

- UC received an additional 2,183 transfer applications from California residents between the original submission deadline of November 30, 2015 and the extended deadline of January 4, 2016.

Freshman Applicants

- Among California students who applied for admission as freshmen, UC experienced growth of 2.3 percent over last year, with the total number of applications growing to 105,341.

- All campuses saw increases in applications from California freshmen, ranging from 0.3 percent at Berkeley to 11.3 percent at Merced.

- Chicano/Latino students remained the largest ethnic group within the California freshman applicant pool.

- Among students applying from California, applications from African American, Chicano/Latino, and White students rose in terms of absolute numbers while the number of applications from American Indian, Asian American and Pacific Islander students decreased slightly.

- There were increases in the number of domestic non-resident (from 30,517 to 33,625) and international (from 24,635 to 27,414) applicants for freshman admission.
California Community College Transfer Applicants

- For fall 2016, UC experienced a 11.2 percent growth in applications from all students who reported a California Community College (CCC) as their last school attended (from 29,736 to 33,052). All campuses reported an increase in applications.
- The number of applications from almost all ethnic groups rose, with the exception of Pacific Islander students which decreased slightly.
- Chicano/Latino students surpassed Asian Americans as the second largest ethnic group. White students continue to make up the largest proportion (29.1 percent) of CCC transfer applications.
- There was a rise in the number of international applicants from California Community Colleges, from 3,469 for fall 2015 to 3,754 for fall 2016, an increase of 8.2 percent, although their proportion of the applicant pool decreased by 0.3 percentage point.

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/she applied to multiple campuses. As a result, the systemwide totals are not the sum of the individual campus counts. Based on the Undergraduate Admissions file of 1/5/16.