

Fact Sheet: The Importance of Pell Grants for University of California Students

Pell Grants Expand College Opportunity for Low-Income Students at UC

- At UC, more than 81,000 students—37 percent of all undergraduates and 44 percent of California undergraduates—receive Pell Grants.
- UC enrolls more Pell Grant recipients than any comparable research university.
- Four UC campuses—Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles and Riverside—each enroll more low-income students than the Ivy League institutions combined.

Pell Grants Lead to Success

- Approximately four out of five UC Pell Grant recipients graduate within six years, at rates similar to non-Pell Grant recipients.
- Within five years of graduating, the median individual income of Pell Grant students exceeds that of their families when they entered UC.
- More than one in three UC alumni who come from the bottom 20 percent of income rise to the top 20 percent of income as adults.

Pell Grant Funding is an Essential Part of Student Support at UC

- On an annual basis, UC students receive \$412 million in Pell Grant funding, \$984 million in state aid and \$180 million in private aid, as well as \$1.64 billion from UC's own institutional funds.
- 52 percent of UC undergraduates graduate with no student debt, and average debt for UC students is well below the national average.

Year-round Pell Grants Help UC Students

- Year-round Pell Grants, which were reinstated in the 2017-18 academic year, allow low-income students to receive Pell Grants throughout the entire year, including summer session.
- Year-round Pell Grants help students accelerate their time to degree completion, while potentially reducing their overall educational costs.
- In summer 2018, more than 24,600 UC students received \$30.8 million in additional aid to help cover their summer session.