

Mission

The CalFresh Initiative at UCLA began in order to bring and promote awareness CalFresh or food stamps as a resource to the thousands of students college that are eligible on our campus in order to fight food insecurity and support healthy eating habits.

Efforts this Year (17-18)



How can I be eligible? Must be a U.S. Citizen or Legal Resident and meet income threshold per household AND Fit only **one** of these requirements: • receive CalGrant A or B

What is CalFresh? CalFresh, also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program that helps with the cost of of buying groceries. Participants can get up to \$192/month for groceries. Once approved, benefits are preloaded into a





- receive work-study benefits
- work at least 20 hours a week
- have a dependent
- be a part of federal work programs more info found here: calfresh.guide

Research

We preliminary have begun research through focus groups in order to find the barriers to CalFresh benefits through three categories of students: Enrolled, Ineligible, or Food Insecure and could benefit from CalFresh. Our findings will help future advocacy on behalf of college students and improve our intervention tactics. Barriers contributing to lack of enrollment:

debit card (EBT card) which is accepted in most grocery stores and farmers markets.

Steps to Institutionalization

- Working present at to student organizations on campus.
- Hosting informational focus groups at dining hall
- Tabling on campus events biweekly such as famer

The CalFresh team has had the pleasure host quarterly enrollment days in to partnership with the Department of Public Social Services and the Financial Aid Office to notify over 4000 undergraduates of their eligibility for fall and winter quarter.





- Stigmas to CalFresh
- Misconceptions
- Unpaid Labor/Internships
- 11 meal plans

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markets and food related events on campus.

- Working in conjunction with weekly office hours at the Community Programs Office with the caseworker.
- Sending out quarterly eligibility reminders with Financial Aid Office
- Working on future legislation for unpaid labor.

In addition, we have worked to pilot weekly CalFresh office hours with a Department of Public Social Services eligibility worker. This allows students to skip the confusing online process. We are taking steps to institutionalize this resource! We have developed pre-screening tools for all students at bitly.com/uclacalfresh and appointments automated at calendly.com/uclacalfresh.

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