Fact Sheet: Fall 2016 Freshman and Transfer Admissions to the University of California

The admissions outcomes reported in the summary below are preliminary. These data reflect admissions offers as of Thursday, June 23, 2016. Admission numbers in this report are subject to change.

The University of California used a waitlist process to help campuses enroll the maximum number of students consistent with its enrollment goals for state-supported students. These totals include students admitted from waitlists, as well as those admitted through the referral process. Preliminary reports of Statements of Intent to Register (SIR) will be available later in the summer.

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

INFORMATION SUMMARY

For fall 2016, UC admitted 14.5 percent more freshman students than for fall 2015.

- In total, 105,671 students were admitted out of a freshman applicant pool of 166,565.
- The Universitywide admission rate is 63.4 percent, 5.1 percentage points higher than last year (58.3 percent).

The University admitted 23,879 California community college transfer students, a 14.1 percent increase from fall 2015.

- With 33,199 applicants, the admission rate for fall 2016 is 71.9 percent, a 1.7 percentage point increase from last year.

California Freshmen

The number of California resident freshmen admitted to the University increased by 9,344 students for fall 2016, a 15.1 percent increase. The admission rate—the percentage of applicants admitted—increased systemwide to 67.5 percent for fall 2016, up 7.5 percentage points from 2015.
UC 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 referral process, these students were offered the opportunity to enroll at UC Merced if they did not receive an offer of admission from any campus to which they applied. These offers are included in this preliminary data release.

**California Community College Transfers**

In response to the enrollment ramp-up of California residents, the admission of community college transfers increased this year by 14.6 percent or 2,652 domestic students, primarily residents of California. The overall admission rate also rose to 71.9 percent compared to 70.2 percent in fall 2015. While community college transfers have always been an essential element of the University’s strategic enrollment plan, their presence at UC will become increasingly important as the University works to increase the number and diversity of California resident students it enrolls.

**Nonresident Freshmen**

The number of nonresident students admitted to the University increased by 4,003 students for fall 2016, a 13.1 percent increase. The admission rate for nonresident students increased slightly to 56.4 percent in fall 2016 from 55.2 percent in 2015. The Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego campuses adjusted their nonresident admission numbers in order to keep their fall 2016 nonresident enrollment at the same level as last year.

**Diversity: Freshman and California Community College Transfer Applicants**

The proportion of admitted California resident freshmen from historically underrepresented groups grew to 37.8 percent for fall 2016, compared with 34.6 percent in fall 2015. The proportion of African American students increased to 4.9 percent (from 4.3 percent in fall 2015), and Chicano/Latino students increased by 2.7 percentage points to 32.3 percent of admitted California freshmen.

Newly admitted California freshmen who are the first in their family to attend college have risen to 42.7 percent of admitted students (from 42.1 percent in fall 2015). The
proportion of students who come from low-income families increased by about one percentage point to 37.3 percent this year.

Community college transfer students from underrepresented groups also increased from last year, rising to 34.7 percent of the pool of admitted students for fall 2016 from 32.2 percent in fall 2015. The proportion of African American students increased to 5.5 percent from 4.6 percent in fall 2015. Chicano/Latino students grew to 28.3 percent from 26.8 percent last year.