Fact Sheet: UC Fall 2023 Freshman and Transfer Application Highlights

- UC received 245,768 applications for admission for fall 2023, a 2.2 percent decrease from fall 2022 (251,179 applications). This includes 206,405 applications for freshman admission and 39,363 transfer applications. These are unduplicated counts of applications received systemwide at all levels and include both residents and nonresidents.

- Applications for fall 2023 freshman admission decreased systemwide by 2.1 percent (or 4,435 applications) from last year’s record total. California resident applications were flat, decreasing by 111 (0.1 percent). Applications from domestic nonresident and international students both decreased, by 5 percent and 6.3 percent, respectively.

- Among California freshmen, applications from underrepresented groups increased as a proportion of the applicant pool to 46.3 percent this year compared with 45.5 percent last year. Applications from American Indian students rose 9.1 percent from last year (+69), Chicano/Latino applications rose by 2.2 percent (+1,098), and Pacific Islander applications rose by 3.3 percent (+13). Applications from African American students decreased by 1.4 percent (-121).

- Applications from Asian and white students decreased, by 1.1 percent (-465) and 2.9 percent (-805), respectively.

- Transfer applications decreased 2.4 percent from last year (976 fewer applications). Applications from domestic California Community College students decreased by 3.7 percent, from 30,936 last year to 29,795 this year.

- The number of domestic California Community College transfer applicants from underrepresented groups was nearly flat, decreasing by 0.2 percentage points to comprise 38.9 percent of the applicant pool, from 39.1 percent last year. Applications from American Indian students rose 19 percent from last year (45 more applications).

- Chicano/Latino students make up the largest proportion of the pools of California freshman and California Community College applicants: 39 percent of California freshmen and 31.3 percent of domestic community college transfers.
• In total, the proportion of California applicants who are first-generation college aspirants remained flat at 45 percent, and those with low family income dropped from 48 percent of applicants last year to 47 percent this year.

• The UC application for undergraduate admission opened on August 1, 2022 and closed on December 1, 2022.

• The San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz campuses accepted transfer applications through January 6, 2023. The Merced campus remained open to accepting both freshman and transfer applications until January 31, 2023, as did Riverside for transfer applications only.

• The university’s review of freshman applications began in October 2022, with offers of admission going out through March 31, 2023. Transfer application review began in November 2022, and UC admission offers will be made through April 30, 2023.

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 they applied to multiple campuses. As a result, the systemwide totals are not the sum of the individual campus counts. Data are current as of January 11, 2023.