

Graduate Cost of Attendance Survey (GCOAS)

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Cover Letter and Statement of Consent

Purpose

The University of California Office of the President is conducting a cost of attendance survey for graduate students at every UC campus. The purpose of the study is to collect data to help University administrators better understand the actual cost of attending the University when formulating graduate funding packages and services. In addition, the results will inform current and prospective graduate students about the cost of attending UC.

Procedure

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. If you are interrupted while taking the survey, you may return and finish it any time by clicking the link sent to you in your email.

Prizes

You will have the opportunity to win one \$500 Amazon gift card and a total of 30 Amazon gift cards for \$75 each. Three gift cards will be drawn each week over the next ten weeks, so for the best chance of winning, you should complete the survey early!

Voluntary Participation

Your participation is voluntary. Your decision to participate will not affect your relationship with the University of California or benefits to which you may otherwise be entitled. You may withdraw from the survey at any time or skip questions that you do not wish to answer.

Accessibility

If you are using screen reading software (e.g., JAWS), please use table navigation. You are also encouraged to email or call Accessibility Services at your campus if you require assistance with screen reading software or other accessibility questions. If you cannot find your campus's information, reach out to the survey team at GradCostofAttendance@ucop.edu and we can guide you to the appropriate services. We recommend that you use a computer/laptop or tablet device to take the survey. The questions may not be displayed properly on a phone. The survey will be available between April 11th and June 6th. Note that you do not have to complete the survey in one sitting; your responses will be saved as you progress.

Benefits

While there may not be any direct benefit to you from participating, The Graduate Cost of Attendance Survey gives students an opportunity to share their financial needs as a student at the University of California. This feedback helps the University evaluate and improve graduate funding packages and services.

Protecting Your Privacy

Your personal information, limited to your name and email address, is used strictly for sending survey invitation and reminder messages. Such information is only accessible by survey administration staff.

After the survey is closed, your name and email address will be deleted from all survey datasets. Your student ID will be used to match survey responses against other data such as, but not limited to, your demographics, enrollment records, graduation data, applicant data, and post-baccalaureate data. This data is used for analysis and reporting.

Please be assured that your responses will be kept confidential and the results of the study will be reported only as aggregate (group level) data. Any identifiable information that is obtained in connection with this study will remain confidential. When this information is stored on third party secure platforms and secure file transfer suppliers, confidentiality will be maintained and your privacy protected according to the University of California privacy and security policies. This information will only be disclosed when required by law. All data used in public reporting will be reviewed to ensure that your identity cannot be ascertained. Information will be retained in compliance with UC's Record Retention Schedule <https://recordsretention.ucop.edu/>.

Contact

If you have any questions about the survey or if you encounter technical issues, please contact GradCostofAttendance@ucop.edu.

Statement of Consent

If you agree to take the survey, please select agree and click on the next button to continue.

Agree (1)

Disagree (2)

*To enter the prize drawings without completing the survey, you must send an email to GradCostofAttendance@ucop.edu with GCOAS Prize Entry in subject line and include your full name and student ID in the body of the email. This email must be received by June 6 to be entered in the final drawing. If you would like to be entered in the interim prize drawings, your eligibility starts one day after our receipt of your email.

Questionnaire

Living Quarters

Where do you live during the current academic year?

- University-owned housing (1)
- Renting a house, condominium or apartment (not UC owned) (2)
- Cooperative housing (3)
- Fraternity or sorority (4)
- Property (e.g., house, condominium, etc.) you own or are buying (5)
- Parent, spouse/partner or relative's home where you do not share in ownership/rental costs (6)
- Other (specify) (7) _____

Please identify which of the following best describes your living situation.

- Live with roommate(s) (6)
- Live with spouse/partner (7)
- Live with parents/other family (8)
- Live with roommate(s) and spouse/partner or family member (9)
- Live alone (may include living with dependent children) (10)
- Other (specify) (11) _____

Display This Question:

If Please identify which of the following best describes your living situation. = Live with roommate(s)

How many roommates or housemates do you live with this semester/quarter?

- 1 (2)
- 2 (3)
- 3 (4)
- 4 (5)
- 5 or more (6)

Display This Question:

If Please identify which of the following best describes your living situation. = Live with roommate(s)

Do you share a bedroom with a roommate(s) to help share cost?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Dependent Children

How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of?

- 0 (1)
- 1 (2)
- 2 (3)
- 3 (4)
- 4 (5)
- 5 or more (6)

Display This Question:

If How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 1

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 2

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 3

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 4

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 5 or more

Age of eldest/only child (whole number, no decimal places):

Display This Question:

If How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 2

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 3

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 4

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 5 or more

Age of youngest child (whole number, no decimal places):

Display This Question:

If How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 1

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 2

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 3

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 4

Or How many dependent children do you have full or partial financial responsibility of? = 5 or more

Total monthly expenses for childcare:

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$100 (2)
- \$100 to 199 (3)
- \$200 to 299 (4)
- \$300 to 399 (5)
- \$400 to 499 (6)
- \$500 to 599 (7)
- \$600 to 699 (8)
- \$700 to 799 (9)
- \$800 to 899 (10)
- \$900 to 999 (11)
- \$1,000 to 1,099 (12)
- \$1,100 to 1,199 (13)
- \$1,200 to 1,299 (14)
- \$1,300 to 1,399 (15)
- \$1,400 to 1,499 (16)
- \$1,500 to 1,599 (17)
- \$1,600 to \$1,699 (18)

- \$1,700 to \$1,799 (19)
- \$1,800 to \$1,899 (20)
- \$1,900 to \$1,999 (21)
- \$2,000 to \$2,099 (22)
- \$2,100 to \$2,199 (23)
- \$2,200 to \$2,299 (24)
- \$2,300 to \$2,399 (25)
- \$2,400 to \$2,499 (26)
- \$2,500 to \$2,599 (27)
- \$2,600 to \$2,699 (28)
- \$2,700 to \$2,799 (29)
- \$2,800 to \$2,899 (30)
- \$2,900 to \$2,999 (31)
- \$3,000 or more (32)

Rent and Utilities

Monthly housing/rental cost (please report only your contribution to the rent/mortgage payment):

Please select

- None (1)
- Less than \$500 (2)
- \$500-549 (3)
- \$550-599 (4)
- \$600-649 (5)
- \$650-699 (6)
- \$700-749 (7)
- \$750-799 (8)
- \$800-849 (9)
- \$850-899 (10)
- \$900-949 (11)
- \$950-999 (12)
- \$1000-1099 (13)
- \$1100-1199 (14)
- \$1200-1299 (15)
- \$1300-1399 (16)
- \$1400-1499 (17)
- \$1500-1599 (18)
- \$1600-1699 (19)
- \$1700-1799 (20)
- \$1800-1899 (21)
- \$1900-1999 (22)

- \$2000-2099 (23)
- \$2100-2199 (24)
- \$2200-2299 (25)
- \$2300 - 2399 (26)
- \$2400 - 2499 (27)
- \$2500 - 2599 (28)
- \$2600 or more (29)

Does monthly rent/mortgage include utilities?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Display This Question:

If Does monthly rent/mortgage include utilities? = No

Average monthly utility costs (Report costs not included with rent - water, garbage, gas, electric, internet. Do not include phone or streaming services):

Please select

- None/Included (1)
- Under \$25 (2)
- \$25 to 49 (3)
- \$50 to 74 (4)
- \$75 to 99 (5)
- \$100 to 124 (6)
- \$125 to 149 (7)
- \$150 to 174 (8)
- \$175 to 199 (9)
- \$200 to 249 (10)
- \$250 to 274 (11)
- \$275 to 299 (12)
- \$300 to 349 (13)
- \$350 to 399 (14)
- \$400 to 499 (15)
- \$500 to 599 (16)
- \$600 to 749 (17)
- \$750 to 999 (18)
- \$1000 or More (19)

Food

Average weekly expenses for groceries/household supplies (for you and your dependents):

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$10 (2)
- \$10 to 19 (3)
- \$20 to 29 (4)
- \$30 to 39 (5)
- \$40 to 49 (6)
- \$50 to 59 (7)
- \$60 to 69 (8)
- \$70 to 79 (9)
- \$80 to 89 (10)
- \$90 to 99 (11)
- \$100 to 124 (12)
- \$125 to 149 (13)
- \$150 to 174 (14)
- \$175 to 199 (15)
- \$200 to 249 (16)
- \$250 to 299 (17)
- \$300 to 349 (18)
- \$350 or more (19)

Average weekly expenses for snacks/meals not prepared at home including restaurants, take-out, and delivery (for you and your dependents):

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$10 (2)
- \$10 to 19 (3)
- \$20 to 29 (4)
- \$30 to 39 (5)
- \$40 to 49 (6)
- \$50 to 59 (7)
- \$60 to 69 (8)
- \$70 to 79 (9)
- \$80 to 89 (10)
- \$90 to 99 (11)
- \$100 to 124 (12)
- \$125 to 149 (13)
- \$150 to 174 (14)
- \$175 to 199 (15)
- \$200 to 249 (16)
- \$250 to 299 (17)
- \$300 to 349 (18)
- \$350 or more (19)

Personal Care

Average monthly expenses for health care costs beyond insurance (for you and your dependents - include co-pays and other out-of-pocket expenses):

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$25 (2)
- \$25 to 49 (3)
- \$50 to 74 (4)
- \$75 to 99 (5)
- \$100 to 124 (6)
- \$125 to 149 (7)
- \$150 to 174 (8)
- \$175 to 199 (9)
- \$200 to 249 (10)
- \$250 to 274 (11)
- \$275 to 299 (12)
- \$300 to 349 (13)
- \$350 to 399 (14)
- \$400 to 499 (15)
- \$500 or more (16)

Average monthly expenses for personal/miscellaneous items (for you and your dependents) - may include clothing, haircuts, other personal care items):

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$10 (2)
- \$10 to 19 (3)
- \$20 to 29 (4)
- \$30 to 39 (5)
- \$40 to 49 (6)
- \$50 to 59 (7)
- \$60 to 69 (8)
- \$70 to 79 (9)
- \$80 to 89 (10)
- \$90 to 99 (11)
- \$100 to 124 (12)
- \$125 to 149 (13)
- \$150 to 174 (14)
- \$175 to 199 (15)
- \$200 to 249 (16)
- \$250 to 299 (17)
- \$300 to 349 (18)
- \$350 or more (19)

Phone

Average monthly phone costs (for you and your dependents):

Please select

- None (1)

- Under \$25 (2)
- \$25 to 49 (3)
- \$50 to 74 (4)
- \$75 to 99 (5)
- \$100 to 124 (6)
- \$125 to 149 (7)
- \$150 to 174 (8)
- \$175 to 199 (9)
- \$200 to 249 (10)
- \$250 to 274 (11)
- \$275 to 299 (12)
- \$300 to 349 (13)
- \$350 to 399 (14)
- \$400 to 499 (15)
- \$500 or more (16)

Recreation

Average monthly expenses for recreation (for you and your dependents - may include streaming services, gym or club memberships, etc.):

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$10 (2)
- \$10 to 19 (3)
- \$20 to 29 (4)
- \$30 to 39 (5)
- \$40 to 49 (6)
- \$50 to 59 (7)
- \$60 to 69 (8)
- \$70 to 79 (9)
- \$80 to 89 (10)
- \$90 to 99 (11)
- \$100 to 124 (12)
- \$125 to 149 (13)
- \$150 to 174 (14)
- \$175 to 199 (15)
- \$200 to 249 (16)
- \$250 to 299 (17)
- \$300 to 349 (18)
- \$350 or more (19)

Transportation

How do you commute between your residence and campus? (Select primary or most used mode of commute).

- Walk (1)
- Ride a bike (non motorized) (2)
- Use public transit (3)
- Use a motor vehicle (car, motorcycle, moped) (4)
- Carpool/rideshare (5)
- Other (specify) (6) _____

Do you currently own or lease a motor vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, moped)?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Skip To: vehicleinsurance If Do you currently own or lease a motor vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, moped)? = Yes

Skip To: commutelength If Do you currently own or lease a motor vehicle (e.g., car, motorcycle, moped)? = No

Average monthly motor vehicle-related expenses (e.g., maintenance, gas, parking, tolls etc.):

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$10 (2)
- \$10 to 19 (3)
- \$20 to 29 (4)
- \$30 to 39 (5)
- \$40 to 49 (6)
- \$50 to 59 (7)
- \$60 to 69 (8)
- \$70 to 79 (9)
- \$80 to 89 (10)
- \$90 to 99 (11)
- \$100 to 124 (12)
- \$125 to 149 (13)
- \$150 to 174 (14)
- \$175 to 199 (15)
- \$200 to 249 (16)
- \$250 to 299 (17)
- \$300 to 349 (18)
- \$350 to 399 (19)
- \$400 to 449 (20)
- \$450 to 499 (21)
- \$500 to 549 (22)
- \$550 to 599 (23)

- \$600 or more (24)

How far is your commute to school?

In miles

- None (1)
- Less than 1 mile (3)
- Between 1 to 5 miles (5)
- Between 5 to 10 miles (7)
- Between 10 to 15 miles (9)
- Between 15 to 20 miles (11)
- Between 20 to 25 miles (13)
- Between 25 to 30 miles (15)
- Greater than 30 miles (17)

How long is your commute to school?

In minutes

- Less than 5 minutes (1)
- 5-15 minutes (2)
- 15-30 minutes (3)
- 30-45 minutes (4)
- 45-60 minutes (5)
- over 60 minutes (6)

Average monthly public transit expenses:

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$10 (2)

- \$10 to 19 (3)
- \$20 to 29 (4)
- \$30 to 39 (5)
- \$40 to 49 (6)
- \$50 to 59 (7)
- \$60 to 69 (8)
- \$70 to 79 (9)
- \$80 to 89 (10)
- \$90 to 99 (11)
- \$100 to 109 (12)
- \$110 to 119 (13)
- \$120 to 129 (14)
- \$130 to 139 (15)
- \$140 to 149 (16)
- \$150 to 174 (17)
- \$175 to 199 (18)
- \$200 to 249 (19)
- \$250 to 299 (20)
- \$300 or more (21)

Educational Materials and Opportunities

Total expenses for books per year:

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$50 (2)
- \$50 to 99 (3)
- \$100 to 149 (4)
- \$150 to 199 (5)
- \$200 to 249 (6)
- \$250 to 299 (7)
- \$300 to 349 (8)
- \$350 to 399 (9)
- \$400 to 449 (10)
- \$450 to 499 (11)
- \$500 to 549 (12)
- \$550 to 599 (13)
- \$600 to 649 (14)
- \$650 to 699 (15)
- \$700 to 749 (16)
- \$750 to 799 (17)
- \$800 to 899 (18)
- \$900 to 999 (19)
- \$1000 or more (20)

During the 2021-22 academic year how much did you spend on a computer or tablet?

Please select

- Nothing (1)
- Less than \$500 (2)
- \$500 to 749 (3)
- \$750 to 999 (4)
- \$1000 to 1249 (5)
- \$1250 to 1499 (6)
- \$1500 to 1749 (7)
- \$1750 to 1999 (8)
- \$2000 or more (9)

Total expenses for necessary educational supplies per year (software, webcam, other hardware, writing utensils, notebooks, etc.):

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$20 (2)
- \$20 to 39 (3)
- \$40 to 59 (4)
- \$60 to 79 (5)
- \$80 to 99 (6)
- \$100 to 119 (7)
- \$120 to 139 (8)
- \$140 to 159 (9)
- \$160 to 179 (10)
- \$180 to 199 (11)
- \$200 to 219 (12)
- \$220 to 239 (13)

- \$240 to 259 (14)
- \$260 to 279 (15)
- \$280 to 299 (16)
- \$300 to 349 (17)
- \$350 to 399 (18)
- \$400 to 449 (19)
- \$450 to 499 (20)
- \$500 or more (21)

Total expenses for course material fees per year:

Please select

- None (1)
- Under \$30 (2)
- \$30 to 39 (3)
- \$40 to 49 (4)
- \$50 to 59 (5)
- \$60 to 69 (6)
- \$70 to 79 (7)
- \$80 to 89 (8)
- \$90 to 99 (9)
- \$100 to 199 (10)
- \$200 to 299 (11)
- \$300 to 399 (12)
- \$400 or more (13)

Total expenses for traveling to conferences, field research sites, exam licensing fees, or other professional development opportunities in the past year:

Please select

- Nothing (1)
- Less than \$150 (2)
- \$150 to 300 (3)
- \$300 to 450 (4)
- \$450 to 600 (5)
- \$600 to 750 (6)
- \$750 to 900 (7)
- \$900 to 1,050 (8)
- \$1050 to 1,200 (9)
- \$1,200 to 1,350 (10)
- \$1,350 to 1,500 (11)
- \$1,500 or more (12)

Familial Financial Responsibilities

Do you support family living outside of your household? (e.g., siblings or parents you send money to)

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
-

Display This Question:

If Do you support family living outside of your household? (e.g., siblings or parents you send money... = Yes

If you support family who don't live with you, how much money do you send them per month?

- \$1 to 249 (1)
- \$250-499 (2)
- \$500-749 (3)
- \$750-999 (4)
- \$1,000 or more (5)

Other Costs

Please add any other costs we didn't ask you about that you would like to report.

Submission and Exit Message

Submission Message

When you select "Submit" at the bottom of this page, your survey will be securely locked and you will receive no further messages from us about this survey.

Completer Message

Thank you for participating in the 2022 Graduate Cost of Attendance survey. Your help is much appreciated, and we truly value the information you have provided.

You have been entered for prize drawings and we will notify you via email if you win.

Thanks again for your time!

Declined Survey Message

Thank you. You will no longer receive email reminders to complete this survey.