



## **Fewer Freshman Admissions this Year**

California is facing a \$15 billion dollar budget crisis that has impacted funding for enrollment growth at the University of California. This crisis is requiring that UC reduce enrollment by 3,200 students. That means the campuses each expect to enroll, on average, between 200 and 425 fewer students than they did last year.

Under the Governor's proposed budget, the University also, for the first time, will not be able to offer a spot somewhere in the system to all eligible freshman students. Some California residents who were not admitted to campuses of their choice will receive a freshman admission offer from another UC campus. But due to lack of state funding there will not be sufficient space for all eligible students at UC.

These eligible students will be redirected to a California Community College and guaranteed admission to a UC campus provided they complete the required coursework. These students will receive an offer from one or more campuses to delay their UC enrollment and start their degree at a community college. They will be guaranteed a junior transfer space by a specific UC campus and it is expected that these deferred students will have their community college fees waived. The Governor's budget calls for the waivers but is subject to legislative approval.

This new transfer option replaces the Dual Admissions Program (DAP) that was implemented this year, which offered an admission path to students who were in the top 12.5 percent of the state's high school class but not fully eligible to attend UC. About 500 students who applied for DAP will be served through the guaranteed transfer option program, and it is expected that they will also receive tuition waivers at a community college.

## **Freshman Notification**

Starting March 1, applicants to some campuses can log on to the campus websites to find out if they were admitted as freshmen. Most campuses, however, will not begin notification until mid-March, and Berkeley is scheduled to notify applicants on March 30. They have until May 1 to send in their Statement of Intent to Register, along with a \$100 fee.

Those getting word through the mail, may notice that admissions letters from several campuses will be thinner or smaller than those sent in the past. Directing students to a campus website for housing and other information that previously would have been included in the envelope saves paper and reduces postage costs. However, students without access to the Internet may request information in the traditional paper format.

Letters to eligible students who were not admitted to the campuses of their choice will indicate that they will receive an alternate admission offer in April.

Starting April 15, students will receive alternate admission letters. A small number of engineering students will receive admission offers from UC Riverside. Most students will receive an offer of guaranteed admission if they take the community college route. This may be to the campus of their choice, or to an alternate campus. Those accepting this offer will have their community college tuition waived. However, they must send UC their Statement of Intent to Participate by June 1.

## **Transfer Students**

Notification to transfer applicants will begin on March 1 and extend through May 1. Transfer students will have until June 1 to return their Statement of Intent to Register, along with the \$100 fee.