

## Fact Sheet: UC budget priorities

UC appreciates the leadership of the governor and legislative leaders in making funding for public higher education a priority for the 2015-16 fiscal year and commits to achieving our shared goals.

One critical goal that remains unrealized is funding to increase the enrollment of California students at the university. UC will work closely with the legislature to secure an additional \$50 million in ongoing state funds in 2015–16 and 2016–17 to add nearly 10,000 more California students over the next four years. This must be achieved by June 15, the constitutional deadline for the legislature to pass its budget.

Adding those additional California students would complement UC's commitment to the following goals it shares with state leaders.

- **No tuition increase for 2015–16 and 2016–17:** Tuition will not increase for California undergraduates for the 2015–16 and 2016–17 academic years, freezing it at the current level for what will be a total of six years. Thereafter, tuition will increase annually at the rate of inflation, ensuring predictability and stability in the cost of education for students, families and UC.
- **California student financial aid:** UC will maintain its robust financial aid program for all California undergraduates, 55 percent of whom pay no tuition.
- **Nonresident tuition:** The UC regents have approved nonresident undergraduate tuition increases of up to eight percent annually for the years 2015–16 through 2019–20.
- **Long-Term Stability for the UC Retirement Plan:** By July 1, 2016, UC has agreed to present for the regents' approval a new pension tier that will incorporate the state PEPRA pensionable salary cap, currently at \$117,000.
- **Zero growth in non-academic staff paid with core funds through 2019–20:** The university will hold non-academic staff (paid for by "core funds" composed of state funding and tuition revenues) flat for five years.