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Dear Chancellors:

I am pleased to formally announce the launch of the UC Native American Opportunity Plan – a new program that will advance critical efforts to expand student diversity and make the University of California more affordable and accessible for California's Native American undergraduate and graduate students.

Starting in Fall 2022, the University will ensure in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees are fully covered for California residents who are members of federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes. This plan will be funded through a combination of existing State and University financial aid programs as well as other resources.

Tuition scholarships for California residents from California's non-federally recognized tribes may be available through external organizations. More information about these scholarships will be provided by UCOP at a future date.

The University of California is committed to recognizing and acknowledging historical wrongs endured by Native Americans. I am proud of the efforts the University has made to support the Native American community, including the creation of the UC Native American Opportunity Plan, and appreciate our conversations to date on all the ways in which we can better support Native American students. I am hopeful that this new program will benefit our students and continue to position the University of California as the institution of choice for Native American students.

Sincerely,

Michael V. Drake, MD President

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