

## FACT SHEET: The Importance of Pell Grants for University of California Students

### Pell Grants Expand College Opportunity for Low-Income Students at UC

- At UC, nearly 80,000 students – 40 percent of all undergraduates and 46 percent of California undergraduates – received Pell Grants in 2015.
- UC enrolls more Pell Grant recipients than any comparable research university.
- Four UC campuses – Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles and Riverside – each enroll more low-income students than the Ivy League institutions combined.

### Pell Grants Lead to Success at UC

- Approximately four out of five UC Pell Grant recipients graduate within six years, at rates similar to non-Pell Grant recipients.
- Within five years of graduating, Pell Grant recipients typically earn incomes higher than their parents' combined income during the time the students attended UC.

### Pell Grant Funding is an Essential Part of Student Support at UC

- In 2015, UC undergraduates received \$377 million in Pell Grant funding, \$820 million in state Cal Grant funds and \$883 million in need-based scholarships and grants from UC's own institutional funds.
- Nearly half of UC students graduate with no student debt, and average borrowing for UC students is well below the national average.

## UC urges restoration of year-round Pell Grants

### Year-round Pell Grants Would Help UC Students

- Year-round Pell Grants would allow low-income students to receive Pell Grants throughout the entire year, including summer session.
- Year-round Pell Grants could help students accelerate their time to degree completion, while potentially reducing their overall educational costs.
- In 2011, when year-round Pell Grants were last available, more than 13,500 UC students received over \$18 million in additional aid to cover their summer session.