

---

# Next steps for admitted first-year students

UC High School Webinar Series: 2025–26

April 7, 2026

## Agenda

---

- Student applicant portals
- Admission offers
- Waitlist and appeals
- Financial aid & residency
- Submitting the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
- Housing
- Submitting transcripts & documents
- Orientation
- Summer programs



---

# Student applicant portals

## Overview of student applicant portals

**All campuses notify students of their admission decision through their respective applicant portal.**

Specific questions about a campus' portal or enrollment requirements should be directed to that campus.



**Encourage students to check their email regularly for any updates and/or requests from the campus(es), including over the summer!**

The screenshot shows the UC Irvine login page. At the top is the UC Irvine logo. Below it is the heading "Login with your UCInetID". There are two input fields: "UCInetID" and "Password". A link "Forgot your password?" is located below the password field. A yellow "Login" button is centered below the fields. At the bottom, there are two links: "Activate my UCInetID" and "Need help logging in?", with "View recent account activity" below them.

The screenshot shows the UC Riverside login page. At the top is the UC RIVERSIDE logo. Below it are two input fields: "UCR NetID:" and "Password:". A yellow "SIGN IN" button is centered below the fields.

**Students will find the following in their applicant portal(s):**

- Admission decision and how to submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
- Financial aid award
- Enrollment checklist (e.g., health insurance, transcripts)
- Important dates and deadlines
- Communications and/or requests from the campus
- Instructions to notify the campus of any academic changes
- Upcoming campus events
- University housing application information
- Orientation and more!

---

# Admission offers

Why is the offer provisional?

---

**All admitted students receive a “provisional” or “conditional” offer of admission.**

- Admission decisions are based on self-reported information in the UC application and must be verified with official transcripts.
- Students must fulfill all conditions included in the offer of admission.
- Admission offer may be withdrawn if a student is unable to meet the conditions of admission.



### Our campuses expect that students will:

- ✓ Complete all “in progress” and “planned” courses reported in the UC application
- ✓ Maintain the same high level of performance in the senior year (GPA)
- ✓ Earn no grade lower than a C in the senior year
- ✓ Earn a high school diploma or the equivalent



**Campuses may have additional conditions, including maintaining conduct consistent with campus standards or an English language proficiency requirement.**

**Students who cannot meet one or more of the conditions of their admission should notify the campus directly, following the directions provided by the campus.**

**This could include:**

- Changes to their reported class schedule
- Earning any “D” or “F” grades in the senior year
- Failing to earn a high school diploma or equivalent
- Expected delays in sending official transcripts or exam documents by the stated deadline

---

# Waitlists and appeals

### First-year waitlist

- All campuses except UC Merced plan to use a first-year waitlist.
- Students can opt in to multiple waitlists.
- **Students should submit a SIR elsewhere by the May 1 deadline.**
- If admitted from the waitlist, applicants will receive a financial aid award letter and adjusted deadline to SIR (typically within 3-7 days). An adjusted housing application deadline may also be provided.



**Applicants invited to the waitlist must opt in by the April 15 deadline.**

**It is not automatic!**

### Admission appeals

- Applicant must follow campus appeal instructions and meet appeal deadlines.
- Successful appeals are rare.
- Students on the waitlist cannot submit an appeal until a decision has been received.
- Unsolicited materials (e.g., statement of interest) are not accepted or reviewed by the campuses.



**Applicants should only submit an appeal if they have *new and compelling information* to share that was not included in their UC application.**

---

# Financial aid & residency

## Students will receive information on accessing their financial aid award letter in their applicant portal(s).

Once received, students should:

- ✓ Carefully review the offer, including their net cost and self-help aid.
- ✓ Accept the offers that they plan to use.
- ✓ Check for any outstanding documents or actions that may be required.
- ✓ Meet all deadlines for financial aid requirements and documentation.



**If students have any questions about their financial aid offer, they should consult directly with the Financial Aid office at that campus.**

### Residency for tuition purposes is based on information students provided in the UC application.

- If applicants have an undetermined residency status, the enrolling campus will require additional documentation via Statement of Legal Residency (SLR) **after** a student submits their SIR.
- Students who do not complete the SLR by the campus deadline will automatically be classified as a nonresident and will be responsible for nonresident tuition.



Any questions about residency for tuition purposes should be directed to the [campus residency contact](#) (*often in the Registrar's Office*)

---

# Submitting the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)

### Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)

- Applicants must submit SIR within the campus applicant portal
- Can submit SIR to **one** UC campus
- Deposit of \$250 required and is nonrefundable and nontransferable
  - Applied to first enrollment term tuition
  - Can be deferred until financial aid is disbursed for eligible students



**The SIR deadline for admitted first-year students is May 1 at 11:59 p.m. PT!**

### Requesting a deferral

- Students must submit request to the enrolling campus, including the specific reason for the request.
- Deferrals are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.
- If granted, students may not enroll at another institution during the deferral period.

### Potential reasons for a deferral could include:

- Military service/active duty
- Serious illness preventing fall enrollment
- Unusual/unexpected opportunity for the student

---

# Housing

### Housing options

- Residence halls
  - Triple, double and single rooms (*single rooms may be limited*)
  - Living Learning Communities (LLCs)
  - Gender-inclusive housing
- University apartments



### All campuses guarantee at least one year of on-campus housing for newly admitted first years.

- Students must apply by the posted deadline.
- Not required to live on campus, but additional years of a campus guarantee may be contingent that students live on campus their first year.



View the [“Next steps from admission to enrollment for first-years” document](#) for campus housing deadlines and guarantees.

---

# Submitting transcripts & documents

## Key deadlines for transcripts and other documents

---

Final official transcripts (HS & college) are due by **July 1**.

Official AP, IB or other exam scores and other documents are due by **July 15**.



If your school will not be able to meet these deadlines, email [AskUC@ucop.edu](mailto:AskUC@ucop.edu) with your school information and expected date of availability.

## Transcript and document requirements

---

### Transcripts

- **High school:** Must include last term grades and date of graduation.
- **International:** Must be sent directly from the international institution. Official translation required if not Roman alphabet.
- **College:** Must include all college courses completed during high school.
- Strongly recommended that all transcripts sent electronically from an approved transcript vendor (*list to be shared later this spring*).

### Exam scores

- Exam scores must be sent directly from the testing agency.
- AP/IB exam score report must include all previous test scores, including any completed in spring 2026.
- Some exam scores may not be available by July 15 (e.g., A-level exams). These should be sent once available.

---

# Orientation

**All campuses require or strongly recommend all first-year students to participate in orientation.**

- Further details available in applicant portal.
- Registration typically not available until after May 1 (SIR deadline).
- Fees (and fee waivers/deferrals) will vary.



View the **[“Next steps from admission to enrollment for first-years” document](#)** for campus orientation websites.

## What to expect at orientation

---

### Orientation programs vary, but may include:

- In-person and/or online components
- Academic advising
- Fall course registration assistance
- Introduction to student services and campus resources
- Support from current student leaders



---

# Summer programs

## Summer programs

- Get a head start by enrolling in UC summer courses.
- Participate in special workshops and programs to get acclimated to the university and its resources.
- Connect with staff, faculty and other students before the fall begins.
- Refer to the campus for eligibility and/or application requirements.



View the [“Next steps from admission to enrollment for first-years” document](#) for campus summer program websites.

# Resources

A person with long blonde hair, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, is sitting on a light-colored floor. They are focused on a piece of white lace fabric they are holding in their hands. Surrounding them is a variety of craft supplies and materials. To the left, there are several pieces of fabric, including a bright red fabric, a purple fabric, and a pink fabric. There are also some beaded necklaces and a string of red beads. In the foreground, there are several wooden masks or ornaments, some with red and blue beads. A small clear container with pins is visible near the person's feet. The overall scene suggests a creative workspace or a craft project in progress.

## Important resources for counselors

---

[Next steps from admission to enrollment for first years](#)



[Waitlist and appeal information](#)



[Campus visits & events webpage](#)



[Counselors and Advisers Bulletin](#)



## Who can counselors contact

---

For general questions about  
systemwide admission,  
contact:

**[AskUC@ucop.edu](mailto:AskUC@ucop.edu)**

For questions about any  
particular campus  
requirement, deadline or  
program, please contact that  
campus directly.

---

# Thank you