

## Policy on Augmented Review – Frequently Asked Questions

### When is this new policy effective?

The policy will take effect starting the 2018-19 admissions cycle (i.e., fall 2018).

### Will all UC campuses participate in this Augmented Review process?

Each UC campus, in consultation with its individual faculty admissions policy committee, will determine if and how the campus chooses to participate.

### Which campuses use/have used Augmented Review?

In the past, the following campuses utilized an Augmented Review process: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Most did not ask for a letter of recommendation.

### What are the five specific conditions under which an applicant might be selected for an augmented/supplemental review?

- Evidence of focus on an area of special talent which may have limited a student's time to participate in a broader range of activities.
- Evidence of character traits that imply a strong likelihood of making a significant contribution to campus life.
- Evidence of significant academic achievement or the potential for academic achievement at the University in spite of extraordinary or compound disadvantage or learning difference, or physical disability or other unusual circumstances.
- Evidence of significant improvement in the academic record accompanied by one or both of the following: reasons for the initial poor performance; and/or sustained and in-depth participation in educational outreach programs, which demonstrate the applicant's commitment to succeed academically within a challenging environment.
- Evidence of relative lack of access to, counseling about, or support to take college preparatory, honors, Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes or required college entrance examinations.

**When are applicants notified of the supplemental request for information?**

The timing of a campus request will vary but generally will occur in December or January. Students should check their email account regularly.

**What are the three types of supplemental information a campus might ask a student to submit?**

- Provide 7<sup>th</sup> semester (first-term, senior year) grades, and/or
- Provide response to a questionnaire, and/or
- Provide no more than two letters of recommendation.

**Will a student be asked to submit all forms of supplemental information?**

A campus may invite students to submit one or more supplemental items. It is up to the individual campus which one(s) they request.

**Will all applicants be required to submit a letter of recommendation?**

No. The policy states that campuses may only request supplemental information – which could include letters of recommendation – when an applicant is referred for Augmented Review. No more than 15 percent of all applicants can be selected for Augmented Review.

**Must the letter of recommendation come from a counselor? A teacher?**

No, the letter does not have to come from a high school counselor or teacher. A student can ask anyone familiar with his or her academic background, skills, and talents to submit a letter. A coach, program coordinator, or supervisor for example, might complete a letter on the student's behalf.

**Will campuses provide guidance about what to include in a letter of recommendation?**

Each campus will make its own determination as to what information it will request from students, and that information will be made clear in the campus's communication with the applicant. In some cases, campuses will provide a form for the recommender to complete (rather than a request for a letter).

**If a student submits the requested supplemental materials, will all campuses to which the student applied be able to review the materials?**

No, the materials will only be reviewed by the campus that has placed the student in their Augmented Review process.

