

UC San Diego Receives 53,000 Freshman and 17,000 Transfer Applications for Fall 2011

University receives second highest number of applications in the UC system

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The University of California, San Diego has received 70,474 freshman and transfer applications for Fall 2011, the second highest number of applications received by a UC campus.

Freshman applications were up 12.1 percent with a total of 53,455 applicants. Transfer student applications showed an increase again this year, up 19.9 percent from 2010 with a total of 17,019 applications, reflecting a record number of applications from both transfer and freshmen students. The mean high school grade point average (GPA) is a 3.77; the average GPA among transfer students is 3.29.

"We are pleased to receive a record number of applications from students with such outstanding academic qualities," said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "As our outreach efforts continue to attract more talented first-generation and underrepresented students, we are concerned about the persistent decline in state funding for higher education and how it will affect access for our prospective hard-working and promising students."

Gov. Brown's recent budget proposal cuts \$500 million from the University of California budget. In response, a letter from UC President Mark Yudof stated "the collective tuition payments made by University of California students for the first time in history would exceed what the state contributes to the system's general fund." He continued, "All of this comes at a time when more California students than ever are applying to attend a University of California campus. My hope is that going forward, Californians will begin to ponder the implications of declining state support for their university."

Diverse applicants continue to increase among freshmen and transfer students. Data for UC San Diego freshman applications of underrepresented students for Fall 2011 show a 27.4 percent increase. A total 2,192 African-American freshmen (up 12.8 percent from 1,943 last year) applied along with 620 African-American transfers (up 16.8 percent from 531 in Fall 2010). Applications from Latinos surged this year, with 10,780 applicants from freshmen (up 31.8 percent from 8,176 last year) and 2,917 applications from transfers (up 48.5 percent from 1,964 in Fall 2010).

The increase of underrepresented applicants can be attributed to UC San Diego's numerous outreach efforts, noted Mae Brown, assistant vice chancellor for Admissions and Enrollment Services. In addition, UC San Diego has developed several programs to attract first-generation and low-income students. Preliminary applications data shows that more first-generation and low-income freshmen and transfer students applied for Fall 2011.

Brown noted the impressive growth among transfer applicants is a reflection of UC San Diego's diligent work to recruit students from California's community colleges. "UC San Diego has been working with our community college partners to broaden our outreach and service to transfer students," she said. "More than 90 percent of our transfer students come from the community colleges in California. UC San Diego is dedicated to recruiting transfer students as they bring a real-world perspective to our diverse student body."

The University of California received a record number of applications for admission to the Fall 2011 term. Overall application volume for Fall 2011 admission increased by 6.1 percent over Fall 2010 (from 134,029 to a record high of 142,235), which includes a 5.7 percent increase (from 100,320 to 106,070) at the freshman level, and a 7.3 percent increase (from 33,709 to 36,165) at the transfer level.

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