

A photograph of a family of four—two adults and two children—smiling in front of a bookshelf filled with books. The father is seated in the foreground, the mother is standing behind him, and the two children (a boy and a girl) are standing on either side of the father. They are all dressed casually. The background is a dark blue.

You're in our  
**aggie**  
family!

**UCDAVIS**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

# welcome

*to the home of the Aggies*

*Your student has worked hard to qualify for admission to the University of California, Davis, a top-10 nationally ranked university. Along the way, you've guided them with loving support.*

*As they take their next life step, UC Davis will continue that support by helping your student thrive within our welcoming, world-class academic community.*

## **2017–18 campus holidays:**



**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
November 23–24



**Winter Holiday**  
December 16–January 4



**Spring Break**  
March 24–28



**Summer Break**  
begins June 15



## Information you may find useful

With your student actively planning their university experience, you probably have some questions. We've pulled together answers to commonly asked questions from parents and guardians of UC Davis bound students.

**What is Davis like?** The UC Davis campus is safe and welcoming, with plenty of outdoor spaces, top facilities and a friendly feel. Davis is a college town where students make up approximately half of the population, and the community values and supports our students. Downtown is just a block from campus and has student-oriented restaurants, shops, entertainment and services.

**Where will my student live?** More than 90 percent of freshmen and 30 percent of first-year transfer students live on campus in the residence halls, which offer social and academic support as well as award-winning dining services. After their first year, most students live off campus in student-centered apartments or shared houses.

**Where will my student eat?** First-year students living on and off campus eat in our dining commons, which feature produce grown on the student farm. You're even invited to submit your favorite family recipes to the chefs! The student-run Coffee House food court is

another popular option for students living on and off campus, as well as myriad restaurants throughout the community.

**Will my student be safe at UC Davis?** Both campus and the city of Davis have a communal, small-town atmosphere where student safety is a top priority. UC Davis police and fire departments keep our well-lit campus safe, and nighttime safety escort services are available. The campus Safe Ride program offers students a free ride (in a clearly marked security vehicle) to campus from within the Davis city limits from 6 to 10 p.m. For security purposes, access to the residence halls requires an Aggie ID card at all times.

**What health care services are available at UC Davis?** Through Student Health and Counseling Services, UC Davis students can receive primary and specialty care, clinical support and pharmacy, optometry, nutrition and counseling services. The Sutter Davis Hospital, with urgent care and emergency services, is just a 10-minute drive from campus.

**How do UC Davis students get involved and connected?** New students can easily get involved in campus life through residence hall activities, intramural and club sports, study groups, student-focused support centers or involvement in one of our 800+ student organizations. Once on campus, students have access to a wealth of services, including the Student Disability Center; Student Recruitment and Retention Center; Cross Cultural Center; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual Resource Center and more.

**Is UC Davis on the quarter or semester system?** UC Davis is on the quarter system. Students enjoy the fast pace and academic variety of quarters, though they have to hit the ground running and stay on top of their studies as the 10 weeks go by quickly.

**How will my student get oriented to campus?** After submitting their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR), they should choose a summer orientation session through the MyAdmissions online



*portal. Students will choose first-quarter classes during orientation. Parents are encouraged to attend! Those traveling from outside of California have the option to attend orientation sessions held just before the start of fall quarter.*

**What is considered full-time attendance?** Undergraduate students must have a class load of at least 12 units each quarter to have full-time status. Dropping below full-time or failing to meet minimum progress requirements may negatively impact enrollment status and financial aid eligibility. International students who drop below full-time may endanger their United States visa status.

**How will I know if my student is on track to complete their degree?** Keep in close contact with your student so you know how they are doing. Privacy laws prevent the university from discussing confidential student records, such as academic progress and health care information, with families unless officially authorized by the student. UC Davis Parent and Family Programs can help parents and guardians who are concerned about their student's well-being.

**What if my student is having trouble adjusting?** Our First-Year Aggie Connections program, [aggieconnect.ucdavis.edu](http://aggieconnect.ucdavis.edu), gives new

students the chance to connect within small cohorts organized around a shared purpose, interest or theme. Academic advisors offer support and direction, and the Student Academic Success Center can help with tutoring, study skills and more. Encourage your student to take advantage of this help and to attend professor office hours. Students in need of wellness counseling are eligible for confidential, short-term therapy at no charge.

**What if my student wants to change their major?** We love to see students thrive on campus as they find their life's passion. Sometimes, this self-discovery leads to a switch in academic focus. That's OK. At UC Davis, changing a major is easy with guidance, and freshman students who do so within the first two years can usually still meet their expected graduation date.

**Will my student need a computer?** Yes. UC Davis expects each student to own a computer that meets minimum performance standards, which can be found at [computerownership.ucdavis.edu](http://computerownership.ucdavis.edu). The UC Davis Stores TechHub sells computers that meet the recommended specifications. The TechHub also offers discount pricing and computer repair services.

A photograph of a female scientist in a white lab coat and blue gloves, smiling and working in a laboratory. She is wearing safety glasses and is focused on her work at a lab bench. The background shows laboratory equipment and glassware.



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## to Parent and Family Programs

UC Davis Parent and Family Programs is your resource to connect with the university and help your student succeed in college.

### Stay Connected

- Log in to Facebook and join the UC Davis Parent and Family Network.
- Watch your email for *In the Know*, a monthly parent e-newsletter.
- Visit the Parent and Family Blog at [alumni.ucdavis.edu/membership/parents/blog](http://alumni.ucdavis.edu/membership/parents/blog).
- Attend a parent welcome event in August or September. For a regularly updated list of events, visit [parents.ucdavis.edu](http://parents.ucdavis.edu).

### Become a Member

Your one-time Aggie Parent and Family Association membership payment of \$120 gives you four years of benefits:

- 10 percent discount on UC Davis items at UC Davis Stores
- \$100 off voluntary meal plans for second- through fourth-year students
- Discounts at parent and family weekends
- Discounts at local and national businesses
- Two UC Davis parent T-shirts, exclusively for members

### Get Involved

- Become a parent ambassador and represent UC Davis at admission events, help new students move into the residence halls or host an event in your home.
- Join the Parent and Family Council to help lead and guide the parent association.



Contact parent programs representative Becky Heard with questions or concerns.  
[parentprograms@ucdavis.edu](mailto:parentprograms@ucdavis.edu)

530-754-9180

For more parent resources or to become a member, visit [parents.ucdavis.edu](http://parents.ucdavis.edu).

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## to a great investment

### **Understanding the award letter**

We encourage you to talk with your student about their financial aid award(s), which can be viewed at [financialaid.ucdavis.edu/MyAwards](http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/MyAwards).

To see sample financial aid packages available to students with a range of family situations, go to [financialaid.ucdavis.edu/samples](http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/samples).

Students who did not apply for financial aid, or are not eligible, will not be offered a financial aid package. After the March 2 priority filing deadline, eligible students can still apply for financial aid by filling out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application, as some forms of financial aid may still be available.

A UC Davis education is an investment in the future. Enrolling at our world-class university is a significant accomplishment, and we do all we can to make attending UC Davis financially attainable.

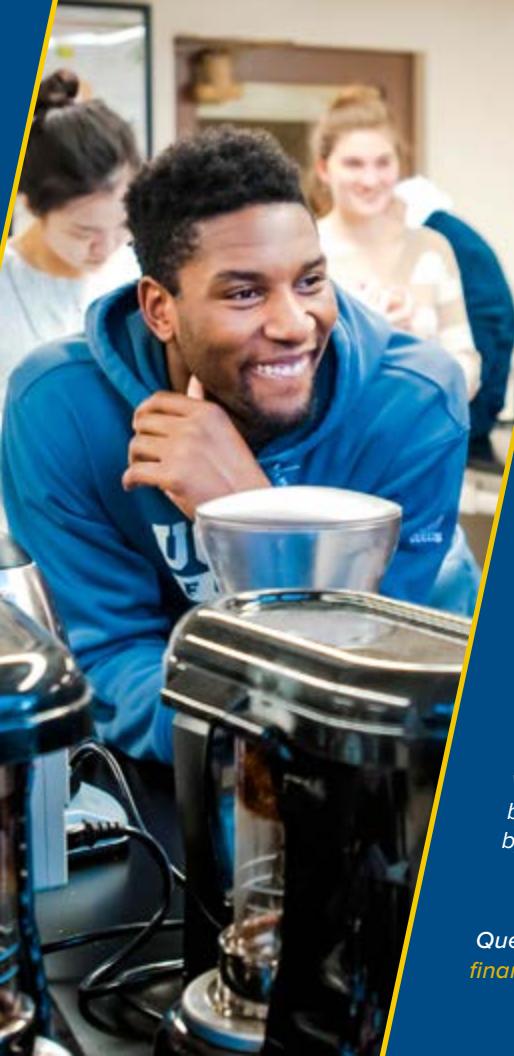
### **Your student's award letter outlines the:**

- Estimated cost of attendance, including tuition and fees plus standard living expenses
- Contributions, including student self-help and expected family contribution as calculated from the financial aid application
- Financial need, the cost of attendance minus student and family expected contributions
- Estimated financial aid, including offered federal, state and UC Davis aid
- Remaining cost, the total financial obligation remaining

### **The award letter may include these types of aid:**

- Grants: Need-based awards that do not need to be repaid
- Scholarships: Awards, often based on academic merit or personal characteristics, that do not need to be repaid
- Loans: Aid that requires repayment with interest
- Work-study: Need-based financial aid earned through employment

**Remember, dates and deadlines matter!** If your student plans to accept offered aid, make sure all requirements are completed by the posted deadlines. Please note that most campus-based scholarships that your student applied for on their UC Davis application for admissions and scholarships will be awarded in mid to late summer 2017. Be sure to also check the Financial Aid and Scholarships website ([financialaid.ucdavis.edu](http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu)) for important dates and information. Follow Financial Aid and Scholarships on Facebook (@UCDavisFAS) or Twitter (@UCDFinancialAid) for the latest news.



### Budgeting for college costs

Start a conversation now about budgeting for college tuition, fees and living expenses. Some UC Davis advantages are:

- Lower cost of living than most UC communities
- Easy to get around with a bicycle or Unitrans bus rides
- Computer purchase assistance and urgent-need aid
- Readily available student jobs (recommended after first year)

### Paying for health insurance

All UC Davis students must have health insurance and are automatically enrolled in the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP). Students already covered by comparable health insurance can apply for a UC SHIP waiver at [shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance](http://shcs.ucdavis.edu/insurance). Waiver applications must be submitted before the start of each academic year by the posted deadlines.

### Tuition and fee payments

Tuition and fees are due several weeks before classes start each quarter. Make a plan to ensure that account balances are paid on time through MyBill. If you want to pay bills on behalf of your student, they must give you access to their account through Student Accounting. Nonpayment can jeopardize your student's class registration and university enrollment status.

### Annual Cost of Attendance for 2016–17

	California Resident	Out of State
Tuition and fees*	\$14,046	\$40,728
Health insurance	\$2,328	\$2,328
Books and supplies	\$1,601	\$1,601
Room and board**	\$14,838	\$14,838
Personal expenses	\$1,561	\$1,561
Transportation	\$629	\$629
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,003</b>	<b>\$61,685</b>

\*Tuition and fees are subject to change. Out-of-state tuition and fees include nonresident supplemental tuition of \$26,682. Check [financialaid.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/cost](http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/cost) for estimated 2017–18 costs.

\*\*Estimated average budget living on campus; see [housing.ucdavis.edu](http://housing.ucdavis.edu) for more information.

Questions? Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.  
[financialaid.ucdavis.edu/new](http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/new) • [my.ucdavis.edu/ask\\_us](http://my.ucdavis.edu/ask_us)

# what's next

for you and your student?

Your student should log into  
[myadmissions.ucdavis.edu](http://myadmissions.ucdavis.edu) to:

- Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) by May 1 for entering freshmen, June 1 for transfer students
- Review financial aid offer in MyAwards and take any required action
- Submit housing application
- Complete other admission tasks

**Together you can:**

- Come to Decision UC Davis, our campus open house for admitted students, April 8 for entering freshmen and May 12 for transfer students
- Set up a family visit to campus and take a student-led tour through [ucdavis.edu/visit](http://ucdavis.edu/visit), or take a virtual tour at [ucdavis.edu/virtual-tour](http://ucdavis.edu/virtual-tour)
- Make plans to attend a summer orientation session

## 2017–18 admission and school year calendar

April 8 Decision UC Davis event for entering freshmen  
May 1 Freshman SIR deadline  
May 12 Decision UC Davis event for transfer students  
June 1 Transfer SIR deadline

### Fall Quarter

Sept. 15 Fall payment due  
Sept. 23–24 Move-in weekend  
Oct. 27–28 Pajamarino and Homecoming  
Oct. 27–28 Parent and Family Weekend  
Nov. 8 Aggie Diner for Student Alumni Association members  
Dec. 11–15 Finals week

### Winter Quarter

Dec. 15 Winter payment due  
Jan. 8 Instruction begins  
Mar. 19–23 Finals week

### Spring Quarter

Mar. 15 Spring payment due  
April 2 Instruction begins  
April 22 Picnic Day  
June 8, 11–14 Finals week

Be sure to check the Aggie Parent and Family Program website for more events throughout the year, including Parent and Family Day: [parents.ucdavis.edu](http://parents.ucdavis.edu).

Visit our campus map, [campusmap.ucdavis.edu](http://campusmap.ucdavis.edu)

