

The University of California's ability to provide financial support to undocumented students is shaped by a student's residency and documentation status.

- **US citizens and permanent residents (including documented AB 540) - California-resident** are generally eligible for:
 - In-state tuition and fee levels
 - Federal financial aid
 - State financial aid
 - University financial aid
 - Employment
- **US citizens and permanent residents - Non-California-resident** are generally eligible for:
 - Federal financial aid
 - Limited University financial aid¹
 - Employment
- **Undocumented Students-AB540** are generally eligible for:
 - In-state tuition and fee levels²
 - State financial aid
 - University financial aid
 - For those with DACA status, employment
- **Undocumented Students- Non-AB540** are generally eligible for:
 - In-state tuition and fee levels if student has DACA status and meets residency requirements³
 - Employment for those with DACA status
- **International Students** are generally eligible for:
 - University financial aid
 - Employment for those with work authorization

UC-funded fellowships for graduate or undergraduate undocumented students who do not qualify for AB540 – whether or not they qualify for DACA – is prohibited.

DACA status does not impact their eligibility for financial aid. DACA students CAN, however, establish residency for tuition purposes based on their legal presence, as outlined in the President's 2015 letter to the Chancellors. Nonetheless, that still does not extend financial aid eligibility to these students.

Tables 1 and 2 summarize eligibility for undergraduate and graduate students by residency classification.

¹ Beginning in fall 2016, nonresident undergraduates are not eligible for need-based financial aid funded by systemwide tuition and fees. They remain eligible for University financial aid funded from other sources. This prohibition is part of Ed. Code 66028.5 (AB 1307) and was also adopted by the Regents.

² Undocumented AB 540 students are classified as nonresidents, but qualify for an exemption of the Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST).

³ Undocumented, non-AB 540 students who qualify for DACA can establish California residency under certain circumstances.

Table 1: Undergraduate Student Financial Aid Potential Eligibility by Residency and Documentation Status

| | CA Resident US Citizens and Permanent Residents (+ Documented AB 540) | Nonresident US Citizens and Permanent Residents | AB 540 Undocumented Students | Non-AB 540 Undocumented Students | International Students |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Tuition and Fees | Charged Tuition and Student Services Fee (SSF) | Charged Tuition and SSF plus Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) | Charged Tuition and SSF, but exempted from NRST | Charged Tuition and SSF plus NRST ⁴ | Charged Tuition and SSF plus NRST |
| Federal Financial Aid (Grants, Loans, Work-Study) | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| State Financial Aid | Yes | No | Yes | No | No |
| University Need-based Grant | Yes | No | Yes | No | No |
| UC Scholarships, Fellowships, and Locally-Funded Grants | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| UC Loans | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| UC Work-Study | Yes | No | DACA Only | No | No |
| Student Employment | Yes | Yes | DACA Only | DACA Only | With work authorization |
| Private Outside Awards | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

⁴ Undocumented, non-AB 540 students with DACA status are eligible to establish California residency, thereby avoiding NRST charges

Table 2: Graduate Student Financial Aid Potential Eligibility by Residency and Documentation Status

| | CA Resident US Citizens and Permanent Residents (+ Documented AB 540) | Nonresident US Citizens and Permanent Residents | AB 540 Undocumented Students | Non-AB 540 Undocumented Students | International Students |
|--|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| Tuition and Fees | Charged Tuition and Student Services Fee (SSF) | Charged Tuition and SSF plus Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) in first year of program | Charged Tuition and SSF, but exempted from NRST in first year of program | Charged Tuition and SSF plus NRST ⁵ in first year of program | Charged Tuition and SSF plus NRST |
| Federal Financial Aid (Grants, Loans, Work-Study) | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| State Financial Aid⁶ | Yes | No | Yes | No | No |
| University Need-based Grant | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| UC Scholarships, Fellowships, and Locally-Funded Grants | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| UC Loans | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| UC Work-Study | Yes | Yes | DACA Only | No | No |
| Student Employment | Yes | Yes | DACA Only | DACA Only | With work authorization |
| Private Outside Awards | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

⁵ Undocumented, non-AB 540 students with DACA status are eligible to establish California residency, thereby avoiding NRST Charges.

⁶ State financial aid programs primarily serve undergraduate students.