

Native American Opportunity Plan

UC's Native American Opportunity Plan ensures that in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees are fully covered for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes. This plan applies to undergraduate and graduate students.

What's covered

If you are eligible for the Native American Opportunity Plan, your in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees will be fully covered by either UC financial aid or another federal, state or other financial aid program.

Students with greater financial need can qualify for even more grant support to help pay other educational expenses (like books, housing, transportation, etc.).

You don't need to fill out a separate application to qualify for the Native American Opportunity Plan. If you qualify, UC will contact you directly with further instructions. If you think you may qualify and have not been contacted by UC, reach out to your Native American student resource or community center or campus financial aid office.

If you are a member of a tribe that is not federally recognized, additional support may be available through external organizations. We encourage you to work with your campus's Native American resource center or community center to identify these opportunities.

Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Native American Opportunity Plan, students must meet all the following criteria:

1. Must be a current or newly admitted University of California undergraduate, graduate, or professional school student.
2. Must be a California Resident.
3. Must be an enrolled member in a federally recognized Native American, American Indian and/or Alaska Native tribe.
4. Must be enrolled in a qualifying UC degree program.

UC will reach out directly to new and continuing students who might be eligible with instructions. Documentation of tribal enrollment may include any of the following:

- Certification of tribal enrollment on tribal letterhead.
- Enrollment/membership card that contains the tribal seal and/or official signature of a tribal leader.
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if the CDIB includes tribal enrollment information.
- Tribal identification card with an enrollment number. You must also submit tribal contact information (address, phone, and email) if it is not evident on submitted documentation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are the funds provided to students through the UC Native American Opportunity Plan considered loans? Will students have to pay them back?

No, these funds are not loans and students do not need to pay them back. They fall under the category of tuition remission, grants, and scholarships from federal, state, university or private sources.

Which fees are covered?

The program promises that systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees, which are assessed to all California residents, will be covered by grants or scholarships. Campus fees and Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition are not part of the Native American Opportunity Plan.

Who can I contact for more information about the UC Native American Opportunity Plan?

Students may contact the financial aid office, graduate division or Native resource center on their university or Morongo Education Services.



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