ABOUT THE FIAT LUX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Fiat Lux is the University of California’s motto, “Let There Be Light,” and will represent the highest honor bestowed by the Berkeley campus to incoming freshmen who are high-achieving and come from low-income and underrepresented minority communities.

The Fiat Lux scholarship program is the result of merging the existing Cal Opportunity (CalOp) Scholarship Program and Incentive Awards Program (IAP) with the goals to:

- Take the best programmatic elements from CalOp and IAP to create a new scholarship recruitment program that will cover the Bay Area, Central Coast area (Salinas), San Jose, Sequoia, Sacramento, and Los Angeles.
- Align with University initiatives to create a robust program to support low-income, first-generation college students with a focus on African American, Chicano, Latino, and Native American students.
- Support ongoing UC system-wide efforts to advocate for students while working with limited resources and ensuring long-term sustainability of the program.
- Celebrate scholars through donor designation of their donor and program support (e.g. Osher Fiat Lux).

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION PROCESS

- Operating under the auspices of the Academic Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships Honors and Financial Aid, incoming scholars will be selected by faculty and receive faculty mentorship in addition to a monetary award.
- Candidates who have been admitted to UC Berkeley from our partner high schools will be invited via their application portal for a one-on-one interview with a Berkeley faculty member in late March.
- Interviews are scheduled in early April. Candidates selected to receive the scholarship are notified in mid-April before the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline of May 1.
- There is no separate or additional application for this scholarship. Students who wish to be considered need to apply for admission to UC Berkeley by November 30 and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2. Students without financial need are ineligible.
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- **Academic Honor:** The Fiat Lux Scholarship Program is one of the highest academic honors offered by the University to entering undergraduates.

- **Monetary Award:** The Fiat Lux Scholarship Program meets the scholar’s full financial need up to the California resident student budget, as determined by the UC Berkeley Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Scholars may receive for up to 8 semesters of scholarship support, provided the scholar maintains satisfactory academic progress and has continued financial need. Scholars are encouraged to maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

- **Faculty Mentor:** Scholars are matched with a Faculty Mentor who is available to meet with them about their long-term academic and professional plans.

- **Scholar Association:** All scholars will receive membership into the Scholar Association. This organization will sponsor numerous academic and social events, as well as service projects. Various sponsored activities will allow scholars to network with faculty, staff, and their peers in an informal environment.

- **Outreach Program:** Scholars conduct outreach at local partner high schools, offering prospective scholars a glimpse of life on the Berkeley campus. Additionally, many scholars volunteer to conduct phone banking during yield as well as meet with candidates on the day of the interviews to answer questions and share their experience and advice.

- **Financial Aid Advising:** The Scholarship Advisor responds to questions about the scholarship and financial aid, as well as general questions about Berkeley (such as advising, resources, and planning for the future).

- **Research Fellowship:** Students may apply for a one-time $1,000 stipend to support research project expenses.

- **Financial Literacy:** Workshops and activities to promote financial wellness will be provided.

- **Peer advising:** peer to peer holistic advising that includes financial literacy and academic and community resources.

- **Scholar Resource Center:** 210 Sproul Hall will serve as the dedicated hub for campus resources, social activities and study/lounge space for the Scholars community.
**SCHOOL PARTNERS**

**Alameda Unified School District**
Alameda High School
Encinal High School
Albany High School

**Berkeley Unified School District**
Berkeley High School

**East Side Union High School District**
Accel Middle College
Andrew Hill High School
Evergreen Valley High School
Independence High School
James Lick High School
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Oak Grove High School
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Santa Teresa High School
Silver Creek High School
W.C. Overfelt High School
Yerba Buena High School

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Emery High School

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Fremont High School
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Oakland Military Inst Col Prep
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Oakland Tech High School
Oakland Unity High School
Skyline High School

**Sacramento City Unified School District**
C.K. McClatchy High School
Sacramento Charter High School

**Salinas Union High School District**
Alisal High School
Everett Alvarez High School
North Salinas High School
Salinas High School

**San Francisco Unified School District**
Abraham Lincoln High School
Academy of Arts and Sciences
Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts
Balboa High School
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Leadership High School
Lowell High School
Mission High School
Phillip and Sala Burton High School
Raoul Wallenberg High School
SF International Studies Academy
Thurgood Marshall High School

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Carlmont High School
East Palo Alto Academy
East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy
Menlo-Atherton High School
Sequoia High School
Woodside High School

**West Contra Costa Unified School District**
Aspire Richmond Cal Col Prep Acad
De Anza High School
El Cerrito High School
John F. Kennedy High School
Leadership Public School Richmond
Middle College High School
Pinole Valley High School
Richmond High School