The Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship Program was created by Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla in 2013 to improve the pathway for qualified, high-achieving students from all backgrounds to achieve a world-class education at UC San Diego.
The Scholarship

The Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship provides $10,000 per year* to eligible freshman and transfer students. When combined with the University of California’s Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan—which covers fees for California residents whose families earn less than $80,000 a year and qualify for financial aid—the scholarship effectively provides a full scholarship to UC San Diego.**

The scholarship covers the cost of education, including housing and books, making it possible for families and students to avoid student loans. Scholarships are renewed each year as long as the student remains in good academic standing and commits to participation in the programs and activities of the Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Program.

Who Can Be a Chancellor’s Associates Scholar?

The Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship Program recognizes and supports ambitious and talented students with great potential, financial need and motivation to academically succeed at UC San Diego. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must also be accepted to UC San Diego and must be eligible for the UC Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan, which is open to students with family incomes of $80,000 or less.

Locally, the program serves students from Gompers Preparatory Academy, Lincoln High School and The Preuss School UCSD, as well as eligible students from San Diego City College, Southwestern College, Imperial Valley College and Reality Changers, a nonprofit that provides youth from disadvantaged backgrounds with the resources to become first-generation college students. The scholarship is also available to select high-achieving resident students statewide, including those enrolled in federally recognized Native American tribes.

The Program

The Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Program was created to provide scholarship recipients with support throughout their academic careers at UC San Diego. The program represents the campus’ full commitment to develop our scholars through graduation, providing a wide range of services and opportunities. The program’s goals are to ensure that scholars thrive as UC San Diego undergraduate students, and are fully engaged in academics, student life and university experiences.

Chancellor’s Associates Scholars have access to numerous benefits to help them succeed at UC San Diego, including:

- Summer transition program
- Critical thinking seminar course
- Leadership development and communication training opportunities
- Individualized financial aid and academic counseling
- Career and graduate school advising
- Guaranteed university housing (provided housing deadlines are met)
- Faculty and peer mentoring
- Priority enrollment
- A close-knit community to support scholars
- And much more

* Freshmen will receive $10,000 per year, up to 4 years; transfer students will receive $10,000 per year, up to 2 years.
** Scholarship eligibility and funding is administered by the Financial Aid Office.
This scholarship is made possible by funding from Chancellor’s Associates, which is comprised of alumni, faculty, staff and friends who make an annual investment of 2,500 or more. The funds give the Chancellor the flexibility to respond to the university’s most urgent needs and critical priorities—including ensuring access to UC San Diego for deserving students from all backgrounds. In recognition of Chancellor’s Associates’ generosity, scholarship recipients are known as Chancellor’s Associates Scholars.

The Application

No separate application is required for Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship consideration. The UC application for undergraduate admission and the FAFSA or California Dream Application is all that is required. Students are also expected to submit the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form to apply for Cal Grants. The award selection criteria is administered and verified through the UC San Diego Financial Aid Office.

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