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## THE WAITLIST OPTION

**Q: What is the waitlist?**

A: This waitlist is for applicants of high academic caliber who are excellent candidates for admission *should space become available* in the current admission cycle. Being on the waitlist is a measure of competitiveness but is not a guarantee of receiving an offer of admission at a later date.

**Q: Who can be on the waitlist?**

A: The waitlist option is limited. If invited, you must opt in by 11:59 p.m. on April 15.

**Q: Am I on the waitlist automatically?**

A: No, you received an invitation to opt in the waitlist, but you need to tell us “Yes” if you want to be placed on the waitlist. See below for [how to opt in](#).

**Q: What are my chances of being admitted to UC San Diego from the waitlist?**

A: That’s impossible to predict. It depends on how many admitted students accept UC San Diego’s offer and how many applicants opt in to the waitlist. Applicants will not know how many other students are on the waitlist, and there will be no way to know their standing on the waitlist. We will determine in early May how many applicants—if any—we will be able to admit from the waitlist.

**Q: Can I talk to someone about my placement on the waitlist?**

A: Information about the waitlist is in these Frequently Asked Questions. See the [section below](#) about next steps.

## OPTING IN TO THE WAITLIST – WHAT DO I DO?

**Q: How do I say “yes” to being on the waitlist?**

A: If you received an invitation to the UC San Diego waitlist, you have until 11:59 p.m. on April 15 to opt in to the waitlist.

Here’s how to opt in:

- log in to *MyApplication*
- review your waitlist information
- Confirm your spot on the waitlist online

Remember, this is not an automatic sign up. If you want to be on the waitlist, you **MUST** let us know by the deadline of 11:59 p.m. on **April 15**. The deadline will not be extended.

**Q: Can I send letters of recommendation or other documents?**

A: No. Additional materials (including letters of recommendation) cannot be accepted. If you do send them, they will not be reviewed.

**Q: Can I be on a waitlist for more than one UC campus?**

A: Yes, you can be on more than one waitlist, if the option is offered to you. Each UC campus makes its waitlist decisions independently.

**Q: I was accepted by another college, but I really want to attend UC San Diego—should I decline the other offer and opt in to the UC San Diego waitlist?**

A: Being on the waitlist is *not* a guarantee of admission, so we strongly urge you to accept another college's admission offer before the appropriate deadline.

**Q: If I've already been admitted to my first-choice university, should I opt in to UC San Diego's waitlist?**

A: No. If you've been admitted to your first choice, there is no need to accept a place on our waitlist.

### THE APPLICATION DECISION

**Q: I had good grades and test scores—why wasn't I admitted?**

A: Far more students apply to UC San Diego than we can possibly admit. This year, we received more than 88,400 applications for a limited number of spaces.

**Q: Can I appeal the decision?**

A: Successful appeals are very rare. Your application has already been reviewed thoroughly by at least two readers. More information is available in the [FAQs for Applicants Not Offered Admission](#). **We strongly encourage you to opt in to the waitlist.**

### ADMISSION FROM THE WAITLIST – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

**Q: How will I find out if I get an offer of admission?**

A: If an offer of admission is made, we'll send you an email reminding you to check your status online. You'll then have **three calendar days** from the offer date to respond, so be sure to check regularly. To accept UC San Diego's offer of admission, you would then follow the steps on *MyApplication*.

**Q: When will I hear if I've been admitted from the waitlist?**

A: We will send an update via email when final application decisions are posted.

**Q: How long will I have to accept the offer of admission?**

A: Three calendar days. Once we notify you through *MyApplication*, pay attention to the deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and Statement of Legal Residence (SLR). This deadline will be a fixed date; *no* extensions will be granted.

**Q: What if I already accepted an offer at another campus?**

A: If you submitted a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to one UC campus and are later offered admission from the UC San Diego waitlist, you can still accept this offer. You will need to submit an SIR to UC San Diego and cancel the SIR you submitted to the other campus. The deposit to the first campus cannot be transferred to another campus and may not be refunded.

## IF ADMITTED — QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSING, FINANCIAL AID and COLLEGES

**Q: Would I still be eligible for financial aid?**

A: Yes. Being on the waitlist does not preclude you from getting the best possible financial aid package, should you be admitted. You must have applied for financial aid by:

- submitting your FAFSA or California Dream Act application online by March 2; AND
- listing UC San Diego (school code 001317) as one of your recipients.

If you receive an offer of admission, you will be able to see an estimate of your financial aid award online in *MyApplication* at that time, but not before. Please review any financial aid package before deciding whether to accept an offer of admission. For more information, your best resource is the [Financial Aid Office website](#).

**Q: Would I still be able to get guaranteed housing?**

A: Yes, on-campus housing is guaranteed if you submit your housing application by the designated deadline as indicated on *MyApplication*. Please be mindful that you will only have three days to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) if you are offered admission. An email will be sent to students who are offered admission from the waitlist to check their application status on *MyApplication*.

Should you wish to live off campus, the [Off-Campus Housing Office website](#) has listings of nearby rentals and roommate matches.

**Q: Do I still attend my college orientation?**

A: Yes. Some colleges have orientation in June, so check your college's dates. For general information and links to the college orientation webpages, visit the Admissions page on [New Student Orientation](#).

**Q: Will I get my first-choice undergraduate college?**

A: That's impossible to predict. Each college's capacity, along with the SIRs already received, help determine college assignments for students admitted from the waitlist. If admitted, you will be able to see your college assignment on *MyApplication*.

**Q: Can I change the college I was admitted to?**

A: No. Each college has a certain number of spaces for freshmen. Remember, unlike most universities, your college is *not* determined by your major.