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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 May 15.

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

A: No, you received an invitation to opt in to 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 June 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: You can always contact our office for assistance on any admission-related matter, but the best information about the waitlist is right here 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 May 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 **May 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. Only the initial application and the waitlist statement may be considered in making admission decisions.

**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—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 17,700 applications for a limited number of spaces. While the University of California sets minimum admission standards, successful applicants to UC San Diego generally far exceed those minimum requirements.

All transfer applicants to UC San Diego must be at the junior level. Selection of transfer applicants is based on meeting minimum transfer eligibility for the University of California and achieving a competitive grade point average (GPA) in UC-transferable courses.

**Q: Can I challenge the application decision?**

A: Any applicant who does not receive an offer of admission has the option to appeal that decision, whether or not they are on the waitlist. **Note that we strongly encourage you to opt in to the waitlist *prior* to submitting an appeal, so your place on the waitlist is reserved.**

Appeals are considered only if new and compelling information is available. The procedures for appeal are set out in the [FAQs for Applicants Not Offered Admission](#), also available on *MyApplication*.

Please note that applicants may not appeal to be placed on 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: Since offers to waitlisted students are based on the response from our initial admission offers, we would not be able to notify you of an admission decision until after June 1 (but no later than July 1).

**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 on campus?**

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. Most colleges have orientation for transfer students in September. If offered admission from the waitlist, you will be provided information about enrolling in college 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 transfer students. Unlike most universities, your college is *not* determined by your major.