

BERKELEY'S **LUMINARIES**

Fiat Lux Scholarship



SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY FOR HIGH-ACHIEVERS AT UC BERKELEY

The Fiat Lux Scholarship creates opportunities for resilient students with unique life experiences to make a profound impact at the University of California, Berkeley.

Established for high-achieving students from partner high schools in California, the scholarship provides monetary, community, and academic support to UC Berkeley students.

SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES ARE

- ▶ California residents (and eligible non-residents)
- ▶ Admitted freshmen who graduated from a partner high school
- ▶ Eligible for need-based financial aid

One of the highest academic honors offered to new students, the scholarship supports California's best and brightest for the length of their undergraduate studies at UC Berkeley. The scholarship provides opportunities to network with faculty, current scholars, and alumni, and create enduring relationships that support success and seed future endeavors.

All students who apply to Berkeley are automatically considered (no extra application needed!). The monetary award meets up to the full financial need of the cost of attendance (as determined by the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office).

Fiat Lux Scholarship recipients shine brightly at Berkeley. Discover a scholarship program offering a wealth of support, community, and enrichment that opens doors to a lifelong pursuit of excellence and service. "Let there be light!"

“The Fiat Lux Scholarship has given me the opportunity to focus on my academics without working or worrying about how to pay for an amazing education. Coming from a low income family I understand the feeling of not having enough money to pursue your dreams. This once in a lifetime scholarship has offered countless opportunities to network and gain a head start at the number one public university in the nation!”

Daisy Boeckmann

Media Studies major



“ My experience at UC Berkeley so far has been so exciting and challenging at the same time. My classes on environmental justice and science have inspired me and led to experiences like harvesting at the Gill Tract Farm urban garden, participating in student-led Climate Strikes, building bamboo houses in Ecuador, and so many other projects. I can really focus on creating the education and career path I want with the support of Fiat Lux.”

Nyah Tisdell

Conservation and Resource Studies and
Society and Environment double major



EXCLUSIVE SCHOLAR BENEFITS

Monetary Award: Scholars are awarded up to their full financial need based on the California resident student budget, as determined by the UC Berkeley Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Awards are renewable annually for a maximum of eight semesters, provided the scholar maintains satisfactory academic progress and has continued financial need. Maintaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average is encouraged.

Academic Honor: Scholars are recognized for receiving one of the highest academic honors offered by the university to entering undergraduates.

Faculty Mentor: Scholars are matched with a faculty mentor who provides guidance and encouragement on their long-term academic, personal, and professional growth.

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

Priority Class Enrollment: Scholars are able to enroll early, starting the second semester of their freshman year.

Fiat Lux Scholars Association: Scholars are automatic members of this student organization that sponsors academic and social activities, community service projects, and outreach events to Fiat Lux Partner schools. Sponsored activities will allow scholars to network with faculty, staff, and their peers in an informal environment.

Financial Aid Advising: Scholars are paired with a dedicated scholarship adviser who provides support and information about scholarships, financial aid, academic advising, and other campus resources.

Peer Mentors: Scholars have access to the Mentor Collective, which connects current scholars with peer and alumni mentors who give students guidance, support, and a sense of community.

Outreach Program: Scholars join in outreach to prospective Berkeley students at local partner high schools. Current scholars also outreach to scholarship candidates through phone banking prior to one-on-one interviews, and meet with students during the interview process.

SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION PROCESS

- ▶ Candidates are high-achieving admitted freshmen who have attended one of the program's partner high schools for at least three years (partner high schools are listed on the Fiat Lux web page).
- ▶ Students are automatically considered by submitting their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application. Only students with financial need are eligible. California residents, eligible non-residents, U.S. citizens, and eligible noncitizens are considered.
- ▶ Candidates are selected from eligible admitted freshmen.
- ▶ As part of a holistic review process, candidates are invited to a one-on-one interview with a Berkeley faculty member. Berkeley faculty select scholarship recipients.
- ▶ Scholars are notified before the deadline to accept their offer of admission. Scholarship awarding operates under the oversight of the Academic Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors, and Financial Aid.





“Through the scholarship, I am connected with people who want to see me succeed, such as my Fiat Lux advisor, faculty mentor, and other scholars from different walks of life—all of whom have shared their valuable stories and advice during this critical time of self-exploration. Our community is made of scholars who have excelled in high school yet come from challenging backgrounds. I know if I made it to Cal with a scholarship that represents my achievements and ability to succeed despite obstacles, then I will ultimately fulfill the goals I set during and after college.”

Tina Kim

Nutritional Sciences: Physiology & Metabolism major

BACKGROUND

The Fiat Lux Scholarship program is designed to:

- ▶ Create a robust scholarship program focused on supporting the Bay Area, Central Coast area (Salinas), San Jose, Sequoia, Sacramento, San Diego, and Los Angeles.
- ▶ Support low-income college students.
- ▶ Align with ongoing UC systemwide efforts to provide open and equitable access to opportunities for learning and development for all communities.

FIAT LUX SCHOLAR FACTS

- ▶ **Average GPA:** 3.2
- ▶ **Retention rate:** 82%
- ▶ **Average scholarship award:** \$17,300

HOW TO ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients will be notified to view their award online under My Finances in CalCentral. To accept the Fiat Lux Scholarship, read and accept the Fiat Lux Terms and Conditions and the Scholarship Contract in CalCentral.

CONTACT US

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SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

MARCH

To be considered for the scholarship, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2.

Candidates are invited to a one-on-one interview with a Berkeley faculty member in late March (via their application portal).

APRIL

Interviews with a faculty member take place in early April.

Scholarship award decisions are released mid-April.

Candidates selected to receive the scholarship are notified before the deadline to accept admission.

MAY

Deadline for candidates to accept their Offer of Admission to UC Berkeley is May 1.