

## Undocumented Prospective Student FAQ

As a part of the Office of Diversity and Outreach, the UCSF Undocumented Student Support Services proudly and unwaveringly stands in solidarity with our undocumented community here at UCSF. We are collectively committed to supporting our UCSF undocumented community and their families. This document is to help guide prospective students through some common questions:

- Can I apply to UCSF?
- Can I receive funding?
- Can I access legal support?
- What other resources do you have?

### Can I apply to UCSF?

Consistent with our values surrounding equity, inclusion, and access, UCSF welcomes applications from all students regardless of immigration status.

UCSF offers a post-baccalaureate program, 4 professional schools—Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy—and the Graduate Division, which contains over 25 different graduate programs in basic and translational sciences, social and population sciences, and clinical sciences. The following people can help you navigate all of the program-specific admission requirements.

- Post Baccalaureate Program:
  - [meded.ucsf.edu/outreach](https://meded.ucsf.edu/outreach)
  - School of Medicine Post-Bacc: Valerie Margol, Assistant Director ([MargolV@ucsf.edu](mailto:MargolV@ucsf.edu))
  - School of Pharmacy Post-Bacc: Joel W. Gonzales, Director of Admissions ([Joel.Gonzales@ucsf.edu](mailto:Joel.Gonzales@ucsf.edu))
  - School of Dentistry Post-Bacc: School of Dentistry Post-Bac: Brennan Crilly, Asst Director of Admissions & Outreach ([Brennan.Crilly@ucsf.edu](mailto:Brennan.Crilly@ucsf.edu))
- Dentistry:
  - [dentistry.ucsf.edu](https://dentistry.ucsf.edu)
  - Contact: Brennan Crilly, Asst Director of Admissions & Outreach ([Brennan.Crilly@ucsf.edu](mailto:Brennan.Crilly@ucsf.edu))
- Medicine:
  - [medschool.ucsf.edu](https://medschool.ucsf.edu)
  - Contact: Matt Trojnar, Office of Admissions ([matt.trojnar@ucsf.edu](mailto:matt.trojnar@ucsf.edu))
- Nursing:
  - [nursing.ucsf.edu](https://nursing.ucsf.edu)
  - Contact: Sergio Saenz, Director of Recruitment & Retention ([Sergio.Saenz@ucsf.edu](mailto:Sergio.Saenz@ucsf.edu))
- Pharmacy:
  - [pharmacy.ucsf.edu](https://pharmacy.ucsf.edu)
  - Contact: Joel W. Gonzales ([Joel.Gonzales@ucsf.edu](mailto:Joel.Gonzales@ucsf.edu))
- Graduate Division:
  - [graduate.ucsf.edu/prospective-students](https://graduate.ucsf.edu/prospective-students)
  - Contact: Julia Clark, Outreach & Student Programs Coordinator ([Julia.Clark@ucsf.edu](mailto:Julia.Clark@ucsf.edu))

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### Can I receive funding?

Funding for all students at UCSF is unique and dependent upon each individual and each department. We also know that there are additional considerations that undocumented students face when funding an advanced graduate degree. The UCSF Student Financial Services provides consultation and guidance to support students:

- Website: [finaid.ucsf.edu](http://finaid.ucsf.edu)
  - Kristee Ono: Financial Aid Advisor for Dentistry, Post Baccalaureate, Online MS-Healthcare Administration & Inter professional Leadership, and Online Health Policy and Law ([kristee.ono@ucsf.edu](mailto:kristee.ono@ucsf.edu))
  - Andrew Wong: Resource Advisor/Financial Aid Advisor for Medicine, Medical Scientist Training Program, Advanced Training in Clinical Research, Joint Medical ([andrew.wong5@ucsf.edu](mailto:andrew.wong5@ucsf.edu))
  - Elliot Yau: Financial Aid Advisor/Work-Study Coordinator for Pharmacy, Global Health, Biomedical Imaging, and Translational Medicine ([Elliot.Yau@ucsf.edu](mailto:Elliot.Yau@ucsf.edu))
  - Polyanna Perez: Compliance Coordinator/Senior Financial Aid Advisor for Nursing, Physical Therapy ([polyanna.perez@ucsf.edu](mailto:polyanna.perez@ucsf.edu))
  - Jasmin Siguenza: Front Desk/ Intake Financial Aid Advisor and Undocumented Student Services Coordinator ([jasmin.siguenza@ucsf.edu](mailto:jasmin.siguenza@ucsf.edu))

Don't forget to research scholarships that may be available to you. The Bay Area organization, Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) has a great website that lists resources.

- E4FC: [e4fc.org/resources/payingforcollege.html](http://e4fc.org/resources/payingforcollege.html)
- E4FC List of Graduate Scholarships: [e4fc.org/images/E4FC\\_Graduate\\_List.pdf](http://e4fc.org/images/E4FC_Graduate_List.pdf)

The Pre-Health Dreamers (PHD) is a network and community of over 800 health career bound undocumented students across 42 different states, representing various career interests. PHD investigates and shares information on career pathways for pre-health undocumented students as well as advocates for more progressive institutional and governmental policies for undocumented students.

- PHD: [phdreamers.org](http://phdreamers.org)

### Can I access legal support?

The University of California Immigrant Legal Services Center serves the immigration-related legal needs of undocumented and immigrant students in the University of California system, as well as their families.

To make an appointment, find out more about services, and schedule visits, you can contact Grace Alano, UCSF/UCB's Staff Attorney, at [grace.ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu](mailto:grace.ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu).

### What other resources do you have for undocumented students?

The UCSF Undocumented Student Support Services is a virtual resource center for the undocumented community on UCSF, as well as current and prospective students, faculty, staff, and documented allies. Visit: [undocu.ucsf.edu](http://undocu.ucsf.edu).

The Graduate and Professional Immigrant Advocates (GAPIA) is an inter-professional and interdisciplinary student organization whose mission is to support undocumented immigrant graduate and professional students through promoting awareness, establishing a support system, and advocating for increased access to graduate & health professional programs, and health care for the undocumented immigrant community.

### For additional questions not answered here contact:

The UCSF Multicultural Resource Center ([resourcecenters@ucsf.edu](mailto:resourcecenters@ucsf.edu))

Dr. Lina R. Mendez, Executive Director of Climate, Belonging, and Resource Centers  
([lina.mendez@ucsf.edu](mailto:lina.mendez@ucsf.edu))

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