

ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR REGENTS SCHOLARS

Academic advising for Regents Scholars begins with UC Santa Barbara's Summer Orientation Program, in which staff prepare you to register for a full load of coursework appropriate for your first quarter at the university. Advising continues in your college and major department, where you will consult with professional staff regarding courses and educational opportunities in your field.

The colleges of Creative Studies and Engineering assign faculty advisors to all entering freshmen. Many departments within the College of Letters and Science designate faculty advisors for their students, and the Letters and Science Honors Program offers advising by the Honors Program Coordinator. Pre-professional advising is also available to all students.

Specialized academic advising is just one of many benefits you will receive as a Regents Scholar at UC Santa Barbara. Join us in embracing the numerous intellectual opportunities that UC Santa Barbara affords its top student scholars.



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As one of the country's finest institutions of higher learning, UC SANTA BARBARA affords Regents Scholars many academic and pre-professional experiences to ensure they reach their full intellectual and career potential.

The Selection Process

The Regents Scholars Committee comprises a broad spectrum of UC Santa Barbara's faculty. The Committee selects Regents Scholars on the basis of academic excellence, breadth of academic preparation, and potential for exceptional success at UCSB.

Why Choose UCSB?

- UCSB is one of only 62 research institutions elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities.
- The 1,086 UCSB faculty members include five recent Nobel Prize winners, recipients of the National Medal of Science, and members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Engineering.
- *U.S. News and World Report's* guide, "America's Best Colleges," the most widely read college guide in the country, named UCSB as the 13th best public university in the nation.

Program Benefits

In addition to the monetary award, Regents Scholars can take advantage of several benefits:

- Priority registration beginning winter quarter of the first year.
- Guaranteed housing in university-owned residence halls for the duration of the Regents Scholarship. (Housing application deadlines must be met.)
- Enrollment in college honors programs.
- Extended borrowing privileges at UC Santa Barbara's Davidson Library to accommodate research needs.
- Membership in UCSB's Regents and Chancellor's Scholars Association (RCSA).

The Regents and Chancellor's Scholars Association (RCSA)

- Provides on-going academic and social programming throughout the student's UCSB career.
- Presents many opportunities for leadership, interaction with faculty, outreach to other high-

achieving students, and community service.

- For club information and a review of previous and future events, visit the RCSA website at: <http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/rcsa>

Maintaining Scholarship Eligibility

To remain eligible for the scholarship, Regents Scholars are required to maintain both a quarterly and cumulative minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.20.

If the cumulative GPA drops below 3.20, students are typically permitted two quarters to raise their GPA to 3.20 or above. Should the quarterly GPA fall below 3.20, students are expected to achieve at least a 3.20 GPA by the following quarter. The quarterly GPA may not drop below 3.20 more than twice. Students who lose their scholarship may petition to have it reinstated. Petitions and exceptional situations are reviewed by a faculty committee.

All Regents Scholars are also required to meet "minimum cumulative progress" requirements, as defined by their college. For more information, visit www.advising.ltsc.ucsb.edu/mcp.php or www.engineering.ucsb.edu/current_undergraduates/mcp/

Questions & Answers

Are leaves of absence permitted?

Upon approval of a petition submitted to the Scholars Program Coordinator, Regents Scholars may be granted a leave of absence due to personal circumstances. The leave of absence may last up to a maximum of one year (three academic quarters) and will be granted only once during a student's enrollment at UC Santa Barbara.

May I use my scholarship to fund attendance in study abroad programs?

Yes, scholarship funds may be used while a student is enrolled in the University of California's Education Abroad Program. Additionally, the scholarship can be used with university-sponsored domestic programs, such as the Intercampus Visitor Program, the UCSB Washington Center Program, and the UC Center in Sacramento Program. The scholarship does not cover costs of non-University

of California-sponsored programs. Students who decide to participate in a non-UC sponsored program must file a petition for a leave of absence. The scholarship will be reinstated when the student returns to UCSB.

Can the scholarship be used for Summer Session expenses?

Financial support is available upon request for Regents Scholars who take a full load during a summer session, provided that the total number of funded quarters (or sessions) does not exceed 12 quarters for new freshmen or six quarters for new transfers. Requests to use a quarter's eligibility during summer should be sent to the Regents Scholarship Coordinator in the Financial Aid Office.

What happens if I graduate early?

Many Regents Scholars graduate in less than four years. One quarter's worth of eligibility is used for each quarter of attendance and for summer session attendance, if requested. Regents Scholars who graduate early and do not exhaust their full eligibility (12 or 6 quarters) will not receive the scholarship funds earmarked for any future quarters.

Whom do I contact with my questions?

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