

SUMMARY: FUNDING ELIGIBILITY FOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO MEET AB540¹ and/or DACA² CRITERIA

	DOMESTIC³ AB540: ✓	UNDOCUMENTED AB540 ⁴ : ✓ DACA: X	UNDOCUMENTED AB540 ⁴ : ✓ DACA: ✓	UNDOCUMENTED AB540 ⁴ : X DACA: ✓ (CA Non-Resident) Applicable for students in their 1 st year	UNDOCUMENTED AB540 ⁴ : X DACA: ✓ (CA Resident)⁵ Applicable for students in their 2 nd year	UNDOCUMENTED AB540 ⁴ : X DACA: X
PERTINENT TUITION AND AID APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY						
Pay equivalent of in-state tuition/fees at CA public institutions	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Can apply for Federal Financial Aid using FAFSA	✓					
Can apply for Financial Aid using the California Dream Application https://dream.csac.ca.gov/		✓	✓			
AVAILABLE FUNDING						
Federal Aid (Grants, Loans, and Work-Study)	✓					
Institutional Grants and Loans						
Institutional Fellowships: (Grad Div funding, CA State Funds)	✓	✓	✓			
Institutional Fellowships: ⁶ (Gift/Endowed/Private funds without citizenship restrictions)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Employment (Any funding source – does not include federal work-study except for domestic AB540)	✓ (includes work-study)		✓	✓	✓	

¹Students who, for various reasons, are classified as nonresidents of California, as well as undocumented students, may be eligible for AB540 status. http://ucop.edu/student-affairs/policies/universitywide-program-policies-and-guidelines/AB540.html#bi_3

²Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) provides certain undocumented young people with work authorization for a period of two years, subject to renewal.

³Domestic: Citizen, Permanent Resident or an individual not in possession of nonimmigrant visa.

⁴California Dream Act provides provisions that allow students who meet AB540 criteria to be eligible for UC and California aid programs. <http://ucop.edu/student-affairs/files/dream-act/ca-dream-act-uc.pdf>

⁵Independent DACA students who cannot qualify for AB540 status should be encouraged to seek state residency, since as state residents they will no longer be subject to paying Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition. DACA students who qualify for AB540 status should not seek to be classified as state residents, as they will lose their eligibility for institutional grants and fellowships by doing so because state residents cannot qualify for AB540 status. <http://ucop.edu/general-counsel/files/ed-affairs/uc-residence-policy.pdf>

⁶Allowable under California State Budget SEC. 2. Section 66021.9 (a), (b), and (c) https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB77