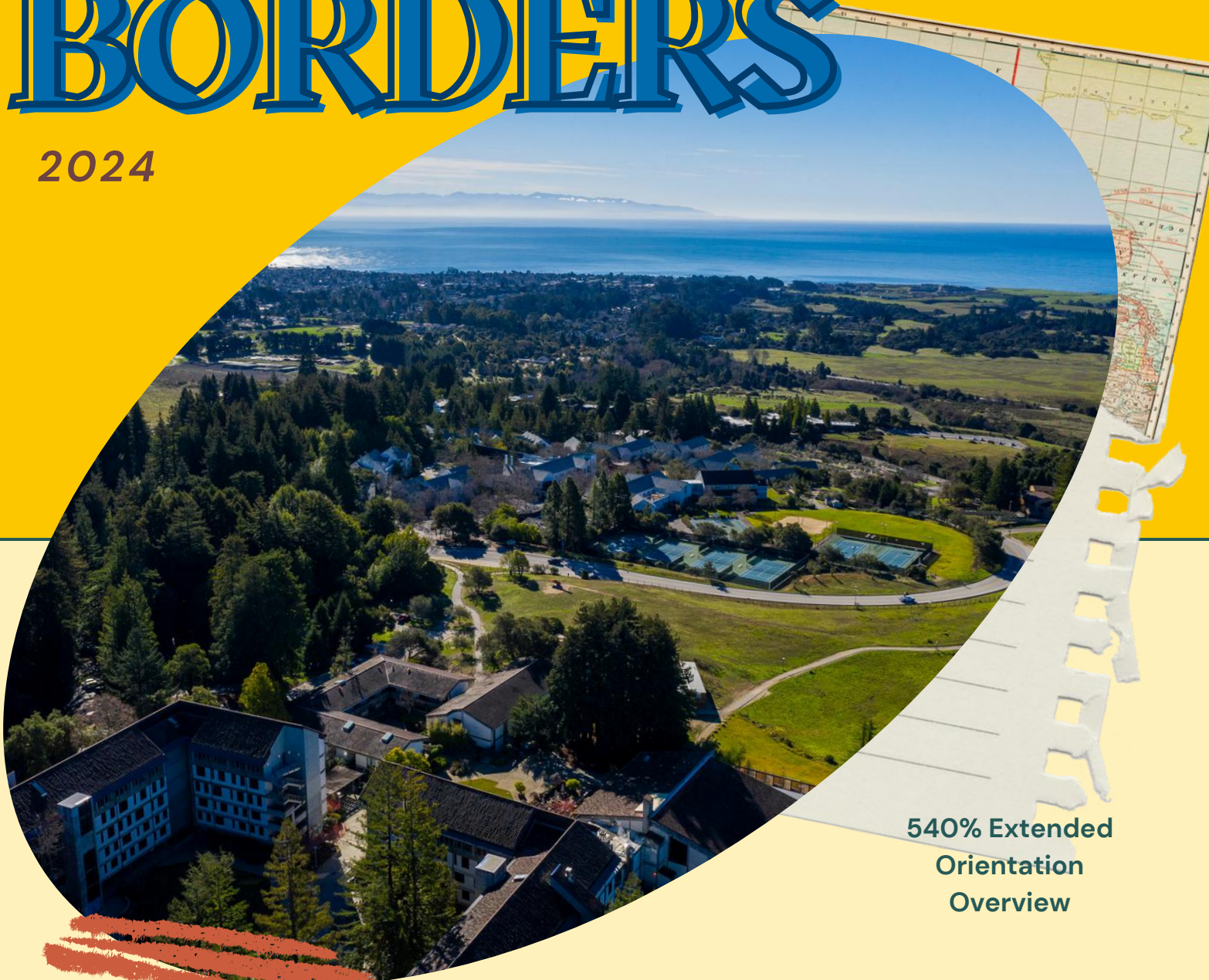


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*A guide for
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Additional Campus Resources

Counseling & Psychological Services provides a wide range of mental health and wellness services.

Slug Support provides help with basic needs and connects students to other campus resources.

Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students (STARS) provides support and services to advance the success and well-being of transfer students.

International Student and Scholar Services provides international students with support and resources.

Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) works collaboratively with campus partners to promote a campus climate that values diversity, equity and inclusion, and identifies proactive actions to address bias and harassment.

Center for Advocacy, Resources & Empowerment (CARE) provides free and confidential support to those impacted by sexual assault, intimate partner/domestic violence, stalking, or sexual harassment.

The Resource Centers comprise the four Ethnic Resource Centers: African American Resource and Cultural Center, American Indian Resource Center, Asian American / Pacific Islander Resource Center, and “El Centro” the Chicano Latino Resource Center; the Cantú Queer Center, and the Women’s Center.

The Disability Resource Center is committed to ensuring that Undergraduate and Graduate students with disabilities have equal access to all aspects of university life

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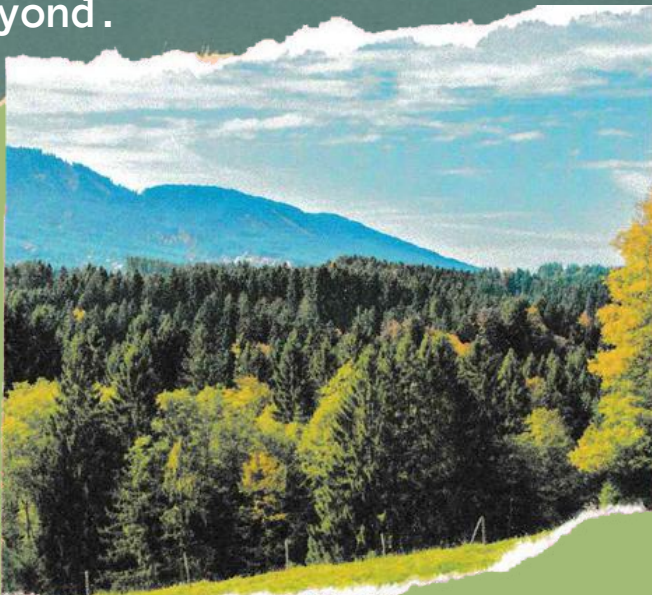
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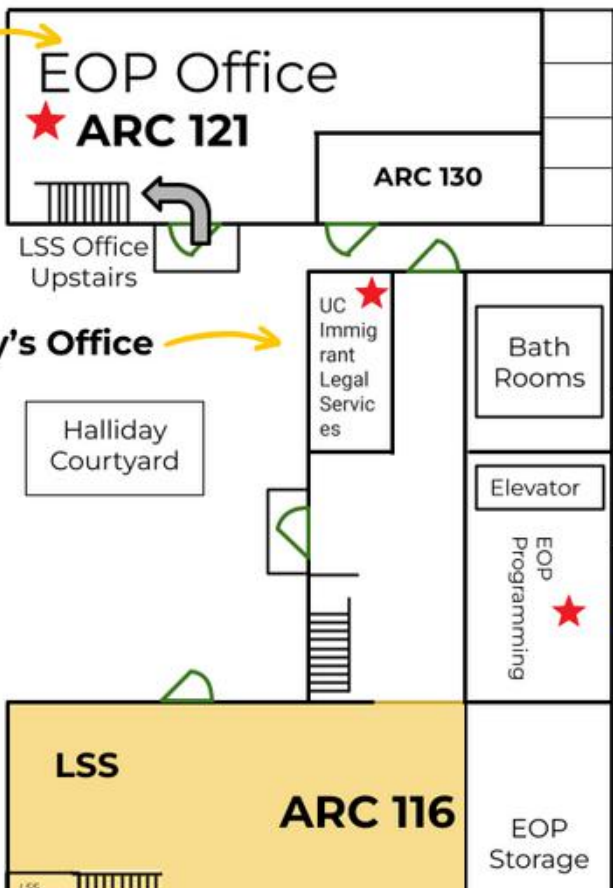
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EOP



EOP cultivates a space where you can learn and find a sense of belonging at UCSC. All EOP students benefit from holistic academic counseling, specialized programs, and community-building events. We are a home away from home, where first generation to college students from historically marginalized communities can make friends, find mentors, and feel supported during their time at UCSC and beyond.





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USS



Undocumented Student Services (USS) was created under the umbrella of EOP with the intention of meeting the unique needs of undocumented students at UCSC to support their academic, professional, and personal goals. USS is made up of professional staff and student leaders who provide undocumented students with a robust set of academic and personal support programs, such as their 540% Extended Orientation and career development workshops. The mission of USS is to cultivate a space for undocumented students where they can feel a sense of belonging and empowerment to continue their college education.

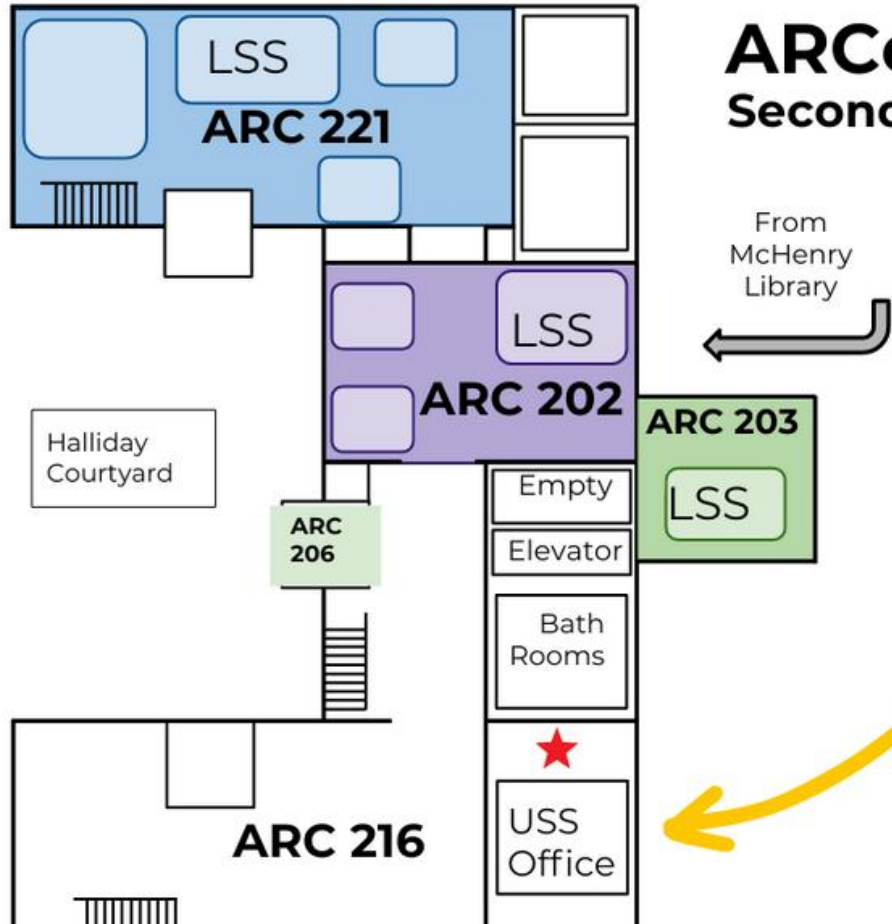
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Our Hours: Monday –
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You can find us on
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Academic Resources
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(ARC), 216



ARC Center Second Floor





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Karina (she/her/ella) was born in Guerrero, Mexico, and raised in San Jose, California. After earning her undergraduate degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Cross-Cultural Studies from the National Hispanic University, she found herself intrigued by the work of student affairs professionals. Prior to joining the UCSC campus community, Karina served San Jose State University for almost 10 years. In the first half of her tenure, she worked as a Graduation Evaluator for the Office of the Registrar liaisoning to the College of Health and Human Sciences. In the latter half, her experience culminated as a Counselor and Graduation Data Specialist for the College of Humanities & Arts, where she supported a range of initiatives to drive student retention, graduation, and success.

As a DACAmented counselor, Karina understands firsthand many of the challenges that undocumented students and their families can face in their everyday lives and in higher education. Once she discovered her passion for service in student affairs, she became unequivocally committed to advocating for underrepresented students in higher education.

As the USS Counselor, Karina will serve with heart and skills to elevate, support, and advocate for undocumented students on campus and beyond.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and her dog, Gino, going to the beach, drawing, savoring her favorite ice-cream (sometimes tamarind, mostly nance fruit), and discovering new music.

Stop by the ARCenter to visit her in person on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays or catch her on Zoom.

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Meet OUR TEAM



Ritu Goswamy

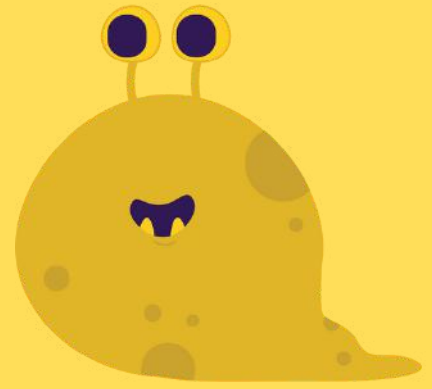
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540% EXTENDED ORIENTATION PROGRAM



The 540% Extended Orientation Program was made for UCSC first-year frosh and first-year transfer undocumented students with the goal of creating a smooth transition to a four-year university. During the week before the start of Fall quarter, this program works to create a strong and supportive network of undocumented students at UCSC. Facilitated by USS professional staff and students, this summer transition program addresses the unique needs and challenges undocumented students face as they enter a four-year university to support their retention.

During this week-long program, students have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with an EOP Academic Counselor and learn crucial skills before starting their time at UCSC. Skills include creating a student budget, learning how to navigate financial aid packages, exploring academic resources, and learning academic success strategies. Students also get to connect and bond with students, staff, and faculty committed to supporting undocumented students and their families





“I want to thank all of the EOP extended orientation staff for giving me the opportunity to participate in this amazing program, because it was not only helpful but I got to meet awesome people. Thank you for all the hard work all of you did for us.”

-First-year Frosh Student, Business Management Major

The extended orientation calmed my nervousness down. It helped me a lot and I feel like college is possible now more than ever for AB 540 students.”



-First-year Frosh Student, Undeclared

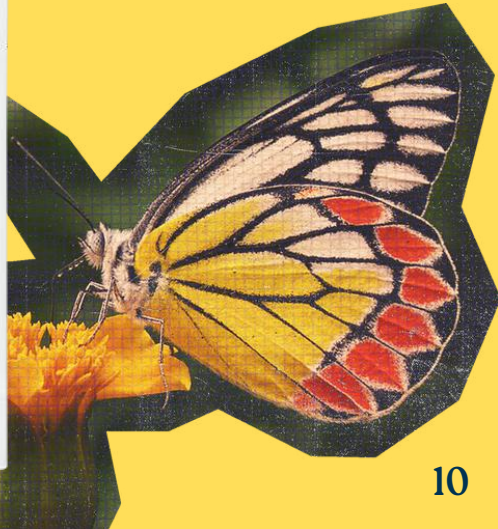


This is a great program. All interns made me feel comfortable and shared their knowledge as well as experiences with all. They all did a great job organizing and everything was helpful and has made me feel more prepared.

-First-year transfer Student, Molecular Biology Major



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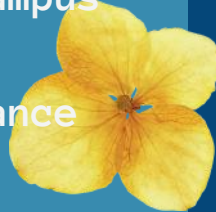


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LEGAL SERVICES

Individual Consultation

At UCSC, all students and their immediate family members have access to free individual consultation with our on-campus legal attorney. From DACA renewals to discussing advance parole, we encourage undocumented students to take advantage of this free legal service!



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Immigrant Legal Services Center

Need Legal Assistance?

The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center is committed to supporting and enhancing the University of California Community's well-being and advancing equity and success in higher education through free, high-quality immigration representation, outreach, and education.

Our Services:

- ✓ General Immigration Screening
- ✓ DACA Renewals
- ✓ Adjustment of Status
- ✓ Advance Parole
- ✓ U-Visa / T-Visa
- ✓ and more!

Who do we serve?

We work with enrolled UC students and their immediate family members, such as parents, siblings, spouses, or children.

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- ✉ ritu.ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu
- 🌐 <https://law.ucdavis.edu/ucimm/>



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speaks english, spanish, and hindi

Know Your Rights Workshops

USS also collaborates with our on-campus legal attorney to host Know Your Rights Workshops each quarter. Workshop topics have included traveling while undocumented, a DACA info session, and general information about rights you should know! These workshops are posted on our Instagram page (@undocuslugs) so stay tuned for the next one!



USS ANNUAL EVENTS



Fall Welcome

Each year, at the beginning of Fall quarter, USS hosts a Fall Welcome event. This event is an opportunity for all incoming undocumented students to learn about the programs and services available to them at UCSC. This event is restricted to only undocumented student attendees and is open to continuing undocumented students!

California Dream Act Clinic

Each year, USS offers financial assistance to undocumented students filling out the California Dream Act application! In partnership with the financial aid office, these workshops are an opportunity for undocumented students to ask about any questions or concerns they have about the application.



End of Year Celebration

At the end of each year, USS celebrates the accomplishments of the undocumented student community at UCSC by hosting an End of the Year celebration! This is a space to recognize the hard work and dedication that undocumented students put in to achieving their degree as well as a space to connect with faculty, staff, and students. USS also provides a complimentary stole to graduating undocumented students that they are encouraged to wear during this celebration!



USS WORKSHOPS

Wellness Series

During the Winter quarter, USS has their annual Wellness Series, which consists of multiple events throughout the quarter that focus on mental wellness. These events are created with the goal of creating a safe space for undocumented students to practice self-care through activities such as arts and crafts and journaling.

Life After College

Throughout the year, USS provides undocumented students the opportunity to learn about how to prepare for post-graduation. The Life After College events USS has had so far include learning how to navigate finances as well as how to write a CV and resume. These professional workshops are crafted specifically for undocumented students, which means considering the barriers that exist for them.

life after college video

Community Building

To promote community building amongst the undocumented community at UCSC, USS hosts multiple UndocuSlug meetings every school year. These meetings cultivate a safe and fun space to connect with other undocumented students while watching movies or making vision boards.

EOP Academic Counseling

Undocumented students are automatically admitted as EOP students, so they have access to EOP Academic Counseling. Students can sign up to meet with an EOP Academic Counselor or the USS Academic Counselor through Slug Success! During these meetings, students can discuss their concerns or plans for their academic plan. Students are also encouraged to ask for advice on things like time management, self-care, or advice about career decisions.

UndocuCareer Development Fund

The UndocuCareer Development Fund was created for undocumented students who are interested in undergoing career-relevant opportunities such as a non-paid internship, fellowship, etc. Students can apply for this fund to receive a scholarship and so they're compensated while being able to practice their degree. In order to apply for this fund, students must have completed the CA Dream Act Application, be enrolled full-time, and be in a good academic and conduct standing. Be on the lookout for when the fund application opens during Fall quarter!

Life After College

learn more on the [workshops page](#)



ACADEMIC
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BASIC NEEDS




Security Deposit Program

The Security Deposit Program provides a one-time payment for undocumented student renters who are unable to pay for a security deposit in full. This payment helps students with a portion of their security deposit in the form of an award processed through the UCSC Financial Aid and Scholarship office. The application for this payment will be open until funds have been exhausted.

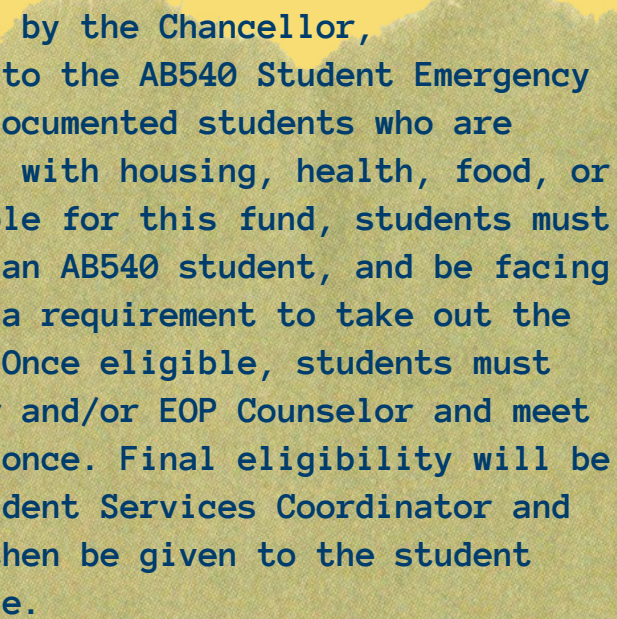
Calfresh Alternative Program

Undocumented students cannot receive the benefits of Calfresh. To address this, USS created the Calfresh Alternative Program that gives undocumented students a stipend through their financial aid package each quarter to assist with purchasing food and basic necessities. This opportunity is available to students who have space in their financial aid package and are encouraged to meet with the Financial Aid office to discuss this.



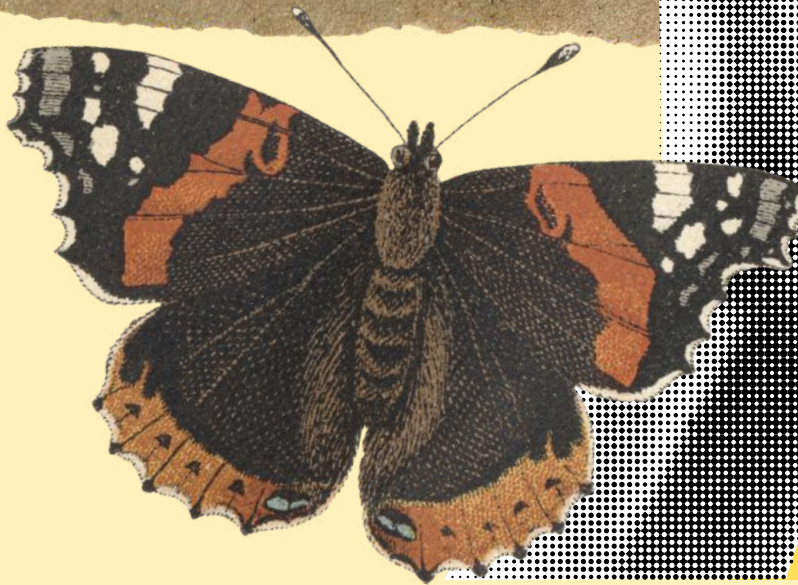
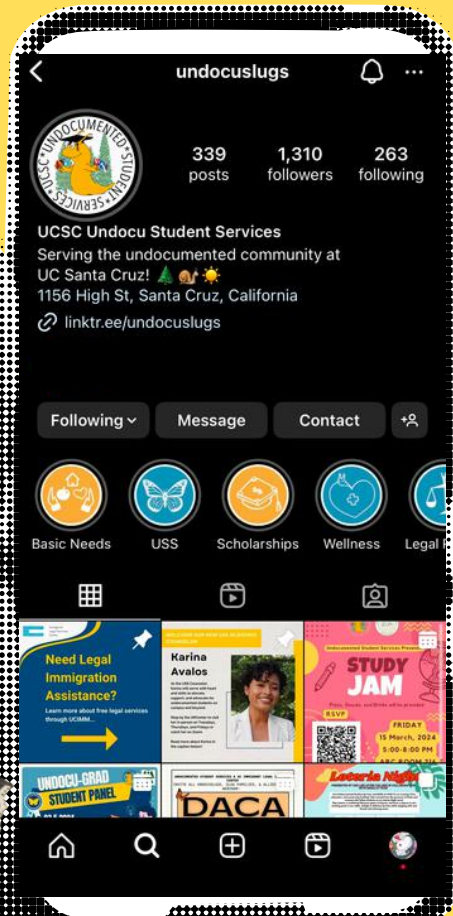
Emergency Grant Program

Through a significant contribution by the Chancellor, undocumented students have access to the AB540 Student Emergency Fund. These funds assist AB540/Undocumented students who are facing financial hardships such as with housing, health, food, or immigration. In order to be eligible for this fund, students must be currently enrolled at UCSC, be an AB540 student, and be facing financial difficulties. It is not a requirement to take out the Dream Loan to access these funds. Once eligible, students must create a budget with a peer mentor and/or EOP Counselor and meet with their EOP Counselor at least once. Final eligibility will be determined by the Undocumented Student Services Coordinator and EOP Counselor. These funds would then be given to the student through their financial aid package.



[Make Appointment Here](#)

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Add our google calendar!



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Check out our website to learn more about USS and the services we offer!

https://eop.ucsc.edu/undocumented_student_services/index.html

