1) **Why do I not have a College Financing Plan (CFP), financial aid estimate?**

The most common reasons why you may not have access to a CFP are the following:

- You have not completed a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA)? You should as soon as possible go to [https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) to complete a FASA (US Citizens or Eligible Non-Citizens) or to [https://dream.csac.ca.gov/](https://dream.csac.ca.gov/) to complete a CADAA (AB540/Undocumented students).

- Your Social Security Number was not provided on your UC Admission Application. We need your Social Security Number on your admission application so we can properly identify you. Please go back into your applicant portal and update your social security number. It will take a few days to update, and then we will be able to create a CFP for you within ten business days. To update your Social Security Number UC systemwide, you must go to your UC Application at [https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login).

- You did not list UC San Diego in the school selection on your FAFSA or CADAA. Students often list the code for the University of San Diego (USD) in error. You should log into your financial aid application and make sure you have the UC San Diego school code. The UC San Diego school code is **001317**.

2) **How much will I have to pay out of pocket?**

Take a look at your CFP and find the Net Costs. This is the “cost of attendance” minus the “total grants and scholarships” listed on your CFP. This is the amount you will need to pay to cover 9 months of college tuition/fees as well as costs for books and supplies, housing and food, transportation, and personal expense (clothing, toiletries, etc.). The Net Costs may be covered with student/family funds or other optional aid, such as educational loans and work-study, which may be offered on the CFP.

If you are interested to know how much you will have to pay for **only direct costs** to UC San Diego, you should compare:

A. The cost of full-time tuition/fees for the year, $14,480 for CA residents ($44,234 for non residents), plus your expected housing and meal plan costs (if living on campus)

   **TO**

B. The total of your grants and scholarships listed on your CFP

Any costs not covered by grants and scholarships may be covered with student/family funds or other optional aid, such as educational loans and work-study, which may be offered on the CFP.
3) **My CFP only has loans. Why didn’t I receive any grants or scholarships?**

Financial aid is based on all of the data reported on the FAFSA or CADAA application, however eligibility is based primarily on family/student income for 2018 for the 2020-21 academic year. Students/families with lower to middle income are more likely to receive grants. Students/families with higher income will qualify for loans.

You should review all on the information of your financial aid application to ensure everything looks accurate. If income levels have dropped since 2018, you should consider submitting appeals which will be available July 1, 2020. Eligibility could change based on approved appeals. In the meantime, you may use the FAFSA forecaster with your current tax information to provide you with an estimate of financial aid eligibility based on an approved appeal.

https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing

4) **When and how do I accept my loans?**

Loans cannot be accepted on the CFP. You will receive official award notices beginning mid-July. You will receive an email when your official offer is available in Tritonlink. At that time, you may accept your loan(s) and complete the necessary requirements.

5) **If the CFP is only an estimate, when will I receive my official award notice?**

If you were not required to submit verification documents to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, you should receive your official award notice beginning in mid-July. If you were selected for verification, you should receive your official notice between mid-July and mid-August, assuming you submit your documents in a timely manner.

6) **Will the amount of aid on my official award this summer be different than my current CFP?**

All information on your CFP is subject to change based on: updates/corrections to your financial aid application; a review of your verification documents (if requested); changes in funding allocations; changes in costs; and/or changes to federal, state or institutional policy. Generally, though, there is little or no change on official award notices.

7) **What if I live on-campus instead of with my parents?**

Your financial aid package will vary depending on whether you live on-campus, off-campus, or with your parents. Costs for living on or off campus are the same. If your CFP is based on living with your parents, your financial aid package would increase if you decide to live on or off campus. Depending on eligibility, sometimes the increase is covered by grants. If your CFP is based on living on or off campus, your financial aid package would decrease if you decide to live with your parents.

Visit [2020-21 Cost of Attendance](#) to see the full details.
8) I have a very high GPA and test scores. Why did I not get a scholarship?

Unfortunately, our scholarships are very competitive as all students admitted to UC San Diego are academically high achieving. We do not have scholarships to award all students. Scholarship recipients have already been notified. Please do not be discouraged. You may explore all scholarship options at:

https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/types/scholarships/outside-agency.html
https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/types/scholarships/resources.html

Also keep in mind, once you attend UC San Diego in the fall, you may apply for scholarships late fall 2020 as a continuing student.

9) I filed my FAFSA or CADAA after March 2. Will I still get financial aid?

We award all incoming students for all aid as long as funds are still available. If you have not submitted your application yet, you should do so as soon as possible.

10) I was selected for verification and I’m unable to submit my documents. What is the deadline, and what if my documents are late?

Submit your documents as soon as you are able. The document deadline for incoming students is June 15, 2020. Due to the Coronavirus crisis, we understand students may be experiencing difficulties submitting documents. We will be flexible with document deadlines.

Documents may be mailed to:

UC San Diego
9500 Gilman Drive
Mail Code 0013
La Jolla CA 92093-0013

Or faxed to: 858-534-5459

11) My parents got laid off due to the Coronavirus. We can’t afford college. What should we do?

We understand that special circumstances happen, and current income may not be what was reflected on the FAFSA or CADAA application. Appeals for loss of income will be available on our website July 1, 2020. In the meantime, you may use the FAFSA forecaster with your current tax information to provide you with an estimate of financial aid eligibility based on an approved appeal.

https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing
12) My parents will not help me. How do I become independent?

Generally, if you are under the age of 24, you are required to provide your parent(s) income information on the financial aid application. If there are adverse family situations that are unsafe or unhealthy for you, you may consider submitting an Appeal for Independent Student Status. [http://faoforms.ucsd.edu/forms/0issaf.pdf](http://faoforms.ucsd.edu/forms/0issaf.pdf)

If your parents are unwilling to provide information to complete the FAFSA, you may apply for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan without an appeal.

13) How can I receive additional funds?

Students at UC San Diego are awarded the best possible packages based on their financial aid application. Generally, you have already been awarded the most possible grants and scholarships you are able to receive.

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[https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing](https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/#/landing)

You may also explore scholarship options outside of UC San Diego. For additional information, visit:

[https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/types/scholarships/outside-agency.html](https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/types/scholarships/outside-agency.html)
[https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/types/scholarships/resources.html](https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/types/scholarships/resources.html)

14) I am ready to accept my offer of admission to UC San Diego. Do I have to pay the deposit?

If you qualified for a waiver of the admissions application fee, you will automatically have the deposit waived as well. If you paid the admissions application fee and are being charged the deposit, but cannot afford it, you should email admissionsreply@ucsd.edu.