



*...making outstanding
higher education accessible to all...*

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT UCSC STUDENTS

Private contributions are essential in helping UC Santa Cruz meet the financial needs of students, and we encourage you to become a partner in this important effort. Your generosity will help prepare tomorrow's leaders and build a strong foundation for California's future.

UC Santa Cruz offers a wide variety of options for donors to support students with excellent academic records and demonstrated financial need, including the following funds:

Undergraduate Scholarship Fund Supported by annual gifts and other contributions from a wide range of campus supporters, UC Santa Cruz's major scholarship fund provides a solid base of support for exemplary undergraduate students with financial need.

Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (AASF) Funded by alumni annual and reunion gifts, as well as support from other friends of UC Santa Cruz, the AASF now totals more than \$1 million and has awarded more than \$275,000 in scholarship funds.

Chancellor's Fund This flexible fund enables the chancellor to address important student needs as they arise. These include undergraduate internship and research opportunities and graduate fellowships.

UC Santa Cruz also offers a wide range of special opportunities to support students, such as establishing a scholarship fund or endowment to meet specific student needs.

Please know that your gift, at any level, makes a difference in the lives of our students. Your support is much appreciated!

ALUMNA PLEASED TO GIVE BACK TO UCSC

When **Kit Mura-smith** came to UC Santa Cruz as a re-entry student, she had nearly enough units to graduate—but in four different majors. "UCSC welcomed me and provided a grant and the support I needed to complete my degree in one year without working. I'll always be grateful for that," she said. Mura-smith went on to attend law school and, with three partners, founded Trimble Navigation, a leader in Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology. Mura-smith has given back generously to UC Santa Cruz, supporting McHenry Library and the Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students (STARS) program.

Student
Financial
Support



Invest in the Future

Support Student Access & Excellence at UC Santa Cruz



*The University of California, Santa Cruz,
attracts the state's best and brightest students
—a diverse mix of talented people who will
lead the state and the nation into the future.*

We are proud to provide students with

*the best possible preparation for the challenges ahead. Student
financial assistance becomes especially critical during difficult
economic times, and increasing numbers of UC Santa Cruz*

*students rely on financial aid. We depend more
than ever on your support. Please join us in
helping UCSC's most promising and deserving
students achieve their dreams.*



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Support Students

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YOUR CONTRIBUTION BUILDS THE FUTURE

The University of California, Santa Cruz, is an extraordinary collegiate university with a national reputation for excellence in teaching and research. As college costs escalate nationwide, UC Santa Cruz continues the University of California tradition of making outstanding higher education accessible to all of the state's top students. UC Santa Cruz is one of the best bargains in the nation, providing a top-ranked education at a fraction of the cost of comparable private institutions.

Our goal is to ensure that no admitted student is unable to attend UC Santa Cruz due to lack of funds. Each year, we assist approximately six out of every ten undergraduates with a combination of scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment opportunities. We also provide a wide range of support options for graduate students. The current economic situation has put an even tighter squeeze on many students and their families, making financial support more important than ever.

ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED BY UC REGENT

University of California Regent David Lee (who is also the parent of two UCSC alumni) endowed a scholarship fund to support students at UCSC's Jack Baskin School of Engineering. Below, David Lee Scholarship recipient and computer engineering student Patricia Atrian-Cruz assists a fellow undergraduate in the UCSC Science & Engineering Library's computer center.



ENRICHED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

UC Santa Cruz is nationally recognized for the integration of its teaching and research programs. More than half of our undergraduates participate in hands-on research, often publishing their work and always working closely with faculty. These programs provide excellent preparation for graduate studies. A recent Association of American Universities survey ranked UC Santa Cruz 15th out of 60 elite national universities for the percentage of bachelor's degree recipients who went on to complete doctorates.

In addition, UC Santa Cruz offers support for innovative hands-on learning opportunities, such as on- and off-campus internships and "service learning" positions in communities throughout the state.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

UCSC's Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (AASF) was created to provide need-based scholarships for outstanding undergraduates. Thanks to gifts from alumni, parents, and other supporters, the fund now totals more than \$1 million. Pictured at left are the 2002-03 AASF recipients.

Student Support—Facts and Figures

DID YOU KNOW?

► **Nationally, tuition and fees at private and public universities have more than doubled** over the past 20 years, even with inflation taken into account. With many states facing the worst budget crisis in 60 years, fees and tuition at four-year public institutions jumped 9.6 percent (5 percent in California) between 2002 and 2003, with more dramatic increases expected for 2003-04. (*Business Week/The College Board*)

► **UC Santa Cruz is one of the best bargains in the nation**, providing a top-ranked education at a fraction of the cost of comparable private institutions. The average 2002-03 undergraduate fees/tuition at the nation's state-supported institutions was \$4,081, while the average for private institutions was \$18,273. UCSC's undergraduate fees (for California residents living on campus) in 2002-03 were \$4,520, with total expenses estimated at \$17,500—less than the average cost of tuition alone at a private institution. (The College Board/UCSC Admissions Office)

► **The state funds just 46 percent of UC Santa Cruz's budget, and the level of state funding is declining.** The California state budget crisis comes at a time of unprecedented enrollment growth for the University of California system. Enrollments have increased 18 percent over the last three years, while the state-funded portion of UC's budget has declined by almost 6 percent. Additional

cuts in state funding of 10 to 15 percent are anticipated for 2003-04. (UC Office of the President)

► **More students than ever need financial assistance.** The faltering U.S. economy, including widespread unemployment throughout California, is increasing the need for financial aid, while at the same time reducing the state's ability to meet that need. In 2002-03, UC Santa Cruz provided financial support for more than 7,300 of its undergraduates, up from 5,700 five years ago; and the need continues to grow. UC Santa Cruz expects an additional 14 percent increase in financial aid requests for 2003-04. (UCSC Financial Aid Office)

► **Students graduate with more debt.** An estimated 60 percent of the nation's undergraduates rely on student loans to help finance their education. At UC Santa Cruz, the average cumulative indebtedness of undergraduates is \$13,282. (American Council on Education/UCSC Financial Aid Office)

► **Low-income families are especially hard-hit by increased costs.** In 1980, on average, fees and tuition at the nation's public four-year colleges and universities consumed 13 percent of family income for low-income families; by 2000, that figure had risen to 25 percent. (National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education)

SUPPORT LEADS TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

Scholarships and other student support helped **Yvonne Rodriguez** finish a B.S. in physics after arriving at UC Santa Cruz as a transfer student—and now she's in the department's Ph.D. program. As an undergraduate, Yvonne received an Alumni Association Scholarship and a Marilyn C. Davis Memorial Scholarship, and student support also enabled her to complete two internships. "During an internship, you apply what you've learned," said Rodriguez, a single mother who balances school, work, and parenting. "Being a woman going into the sciences and hanging out with the guys, I didn't know what to expect. Internships helped demystify the process for me."

