Dear Prospective Student,

While you wait to hear about your admission decision to UC Santa Barbara, we encourage you to think about possible financial aid opportunities. Financial aid is available from various sources to help students pay for college expenses.

All U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply for federal, state, and university aid. The UCSB Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will determine your aid eligibility through your submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete your FAFSA by UCSB’s priority application deadline of March 2, 2015. Failure to submit your FAFSA by this deadline will exclude your consideration for university gift aid. Be sure to list UCSB (school code # 001320) on Step 2 (electronic version) or Step 6 (paper version). For help completing the FAFSA, view UCSB’s FAFSA online tutorial.

California students who qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition through AB 540 or AB 2000 are eligible to apply for state and university aid by completing the California Dream Act Application. Complete the CA Dream Application by UCSB’s priority deadline of March 2, 2015. Failure to submit your CA Dream Application by this deadline will exclude your consideration for university gift aid. For help completing the CA Dream Application, view UCSB’s CA Dream Application tutorial.

California aid applicants: Don’t forget to apply for a Cal Grant! In addition to filing a FAFSA or California Dream Application by March 2, 2015, Cal Grant applicants must also submit a Cal Grant GPA Verification Form to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) by March 2, 2015. Freshman applicants - most high schools electronically submit their students’ G.P.A. information to CSAC, but all students should check with their high school to verify which method they use. Transfer applicants - students should follow the instructions on the GPA Verification Form to determine which school must complete the form.

We strongly encourage all students to apply for private scholarships. Check with your school counselor for scholarships in your area and log onto UCSB’s Financial Aid website for reputable scholarship search sites.

Sincerely,

University of California, Santa Barbara
Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid & Scholarships

NOTE: Please do not reply to this email. If you need to contact the Office of Admissions, please visit our website for details.