Undocumented Student Services

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Inclusive Language
Who is Undocumented?

A non-citizen living in the U.S. without authorization, in the form of valid immigration status, from the federal government. This is often because they have:

- Entered without inspection
- Entered with a valid visa or other status, and overstayed the authorized duration of that status

It can also include:

- A person who obtained a lawful immigration status and subsequently lost their status OR does not have proof
Who is Undocumented?

Generally, undocumented individuals:

• Face imminent threat of detention and/or deportation
• Do not have permission to work
• Cannot leave the United States and return
• Cannot obtain a Social Security number
• Cannot obtain driver licenses in most states
• Are ineligible for most public benefits
• Face an unwelcoming political climate
Undocumented vs. “Illegal”

The immigrant community and advocates greatly disapproves the use of this term, arguing that while ACTIONS are illegal, **INDIVIDUALS CANNOT** be

**Reflect**

- How would using the ‘i’ word make a student feel?
- How would the use of this term impact your ability to provide services to students?
Legal Information vs. Advice

- **Legal information** involves educating a person about what the law is
- **Legal advice** involves making determinations or recommendations based on analysis of the law as it applies to a person’s specific situation
- Not just anyone can give legal advice
- REFER STUDENTS TO OUR TEAM
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
True or False

• Individuals who have been in the U.S. for most of their life will not be deported.
• Individuals who have a social security number and work permit also have permanent residency status.
• A person with DACA has a pathway to permanent residence.
• Undocumented students can access federal financial aid.
• Undocumented students can be hired in work study job.
The Current Situation with DACA

• USCIS is only accepting renewals

• No first-time applicants

• No advance parole (i.e. no permission to travel outside of country)

• USCIS no longer notifies when you need to renew
Supreme Court Hearing

• The DACA Program is at the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).

• There will be hearing on November 12, 2019

• Students with DACA should check in with us after that date
Supporting Students
An approach to serving students

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Overview of USS Programs and Services
Services

- **One-on-one Advising**: Students may meet with our staff to discuss topics pertaining to their educational, personal and professional pursuits as it relates to their immigration status. Topics include but are not limited to:
  - Financial assistance
  - Housing
  - Financial aid
  - Post graduation plans
  - Employment options
  - Travel plans

- **Immigration Legal Services**: This service offers consultations, legal advice and representation for UC students and their immediate family.
  - Consultations available in-person or over the phone.
Programs

• **Dream Fellowship Program**: Experiential learning for AB540/Dream Act students that prepares them for graduate school and career pathways post graduation.
  - **Learning opportunities**: self-selected, internship-type of opportunity that aligns with career goals
  - **Mentorships**: Faculty or staff within a department on campus.
  - **Entrepreneurship**: Emphasis on creating own income generating opportunities without a work permit.
  - **Financial support**: $4,500 scholarship

• **Student Intern Program**: One-year paid internship program focused on developing students’ leadership and project management skills through direct field experience. As a recently approved Co-Curricular Record (CCR) program, students will gain competencies in:
  - **Leadership**
  - **Teamwork & Cross-Cultural Collaboration**
  - **Civic Engagement & Social Responsibility**
Legislative Advocacy Program (LAP): LAP provides students the tools to explore a career path in policy, engage in advocacy, and enhance their professional skills such as public speaking. Upon completion the program, students will be able to:

- Think critically and solve problems
- Communicate effectively
- Lead in Global Diverse Society and
- Promote Social Justice and Community Responsibility

Legislative Advocacy Program, 2019
Financial Support

- **Graduate Student Stipend**
  - For students unable to secure paid position through their department. Funding to cover tuition, fees and a living stipend.

- **Professional Dev. and Grad. School Prep Grants**
  - Students receive a grant up to $1,000 to cover related expenses.

- **Food Security Gift Cards**
  - For undocumented students who are not eligible for Cal Fresh, may receive financial assistance in the form of grocery gift cards to support their basic needs.

- **Immigration Stability Fund**
  - Covers cost of filing fees related to their immigration applications.
Center Amenities

- Food Pantry
- Free Printing
- Study Space
- Free School Supplies
- Computer and Calculator Lending Program
Remember........

People don’t care how much you know until they know how much care!