

A photograph of the Berkeley Campanile tower at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange glow. The tower is silhouetted against the bright sky. In the background, there are trees and distant mountains. In the top right corner, there is a decorative geometric pattern of white lines forming a honeycomb-like structure.

Berkeley International Office Welcomes You!

Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



BANK OF THE WEST
BNP PARIBAS



Credit this generation.

Welcome

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Director
Berkeley International Office



Student Advisers

Internationaloffice.Berkeley.edu/about-us/studentadvisers



Agenda

- 7 a.m. Icebreakers
- 7:30 a.m. Welcome
- 7:40 a.m. Who Is BIO & Overview
- 7:50 a.m. Wellness & Safety
- 8:20 a.m. Break
- 8:30 a.m. Teambuilders
- 9:20 a.m. Student Q&A
- 10:00 a.m. Immigration Essentials
- 10:50 a.m. Next Steps

Digital Folder Materials

- Orientation program/agenda
- BIO flyer
- BIO Upcoming Events
- Academic Integrity Handout
- Health Insurance Handout
- Campus Map/Neighborhoods
- Bank of the West Flyer
- Deserve Flyer

International Student Orientation

Wednesday, August 19th, 7-11 a.m.

7:00 a.m. Small Group Discussion Meet other inspiring international graduate students and connect with others in the international community.	9:00 a.m. Break 9:15 a.m. Immigration Essentials Introduction to essential topics to help you learn how to properly maintain your visa status, understand immigration issues at each stage of your academic life, and know your student employment options.
7:30 a.m. Welcome & Introductions An introduction to Berkeley International Office (BIO) staff who are here to help you.	10:00 a.m. Wellness & Safety Find out about wellness resources on campus to keep yourself healthy. Tips about safety will also be included.
7:40 a.m. Who is BIO & Navigating Campus Succeed academically, build community, and stay healthy while at Cal by using resources introduced in this session.	10:45 a.m. Overview of Taxes and GLACIER Learn about the campus-based GLACIER tax compliance system required for all students with academic appointments and stipends.
8:00 a.m. Academic Success Panel Student and staff panelists will offer perspectives on the U.S. classroom, accessing advising services on campus, and how to make the most of your graduate program.	

Academic Integrity

Not knowing is not an excuse.
Students are responsible for understanding what academic integrity means in each course. Before submitting assignments, read your syllabus and ask your instructor if you need clarification. Consequences range from failing a paper, to failing a course, to suspension, or dismissal. As an international student, some consequences may affect your visa status.

	Writing	Research	Tests & Coursework	Groupwork
DO	Show where you got your ideas by citing sources	Use the results and data you collect	Do your own work & follow all guidelines	Clarify if group work is allowed
DON'T	Don't use others' ideas without citation	Don't make up or change results	Don't copy others' work, use mobiles, or use unauthorized materials	Don't work together unless it's explicitly permitted
DANGER!	Plagiarism	Fabrication/falsification	Cheating	Collusion

BERKELEY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE UPCOMING EVENTS

Connect with other international students and engage with the UC Berkeley community! The events & activities are designed to help you adjust to and thrive during your Fall 2020 semester at UC Berkeley. Visit our BIO Events Calendar for more information on how to access these events: <http://bit.ly/18tQwvWt0>

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES WORKSHOP

AUG 20 | 7 AM - 8 AM
We're starting a new chapter in your life as you begin your college career - let us prepare you financially for your new adventure. Join the Berkeley International Office and Bank of the West, the official bank of UC Berkeley, for an interactive discussion to help you navigate your finances throughout college. Whether you will be in the U.S. or abroad for your Fall 2020 semester, our experts will provide guidance on managing your money during this next chapter of life.

COFFEE BREAK

AUG 25 | 7 AM - 8 AM | BI-WEEKLY
Grab your favorite beverage of choice, get cozy in some comfy clothes, and join us for BIO's bi-weekly virtual coffee break chat. Coffee Break is a chance to connect with the international student community from a distance, share stories about your experiences on and off campus, and get to know Berkeley International Office advisors. Students are free to talk about anything, but will also have weekly discussion topics or activities to keep things fun!

INTERNATIONAL GRAD HAPPY HOUR

SEP 1 | 4 PM - 5 PM | BI-WEEKLY
Join BIO for our bi-weekly international graduate happy hour. This event gives you the opportunity to connect with other international graduate students, discuss your experiences in the graduate community, and just wind down and relax! This is a very informal and unstructured event - tip by whenever you have time and join the discussion. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW STUDENT MIXER

SEP 24 | 3:30 PM - 5 PM
Meet other new international students at Cal in this virtual gathering. We'll have various small group discussions, activities, and games throughout the event to encourage connections and cultural exchange. Don't miss this chance to make new friends before you arrive in person!

A scenic view of the Berkeley campus at sunset. The sun is low on the right, casting a warm glow over the hills and buildings. The Sather Tower is visible in the distance. The foreground is filled with golden-brown grass and trees. In the top right corner, there is a decorative pattern of white geometric shapes (hexagons and triangles) on a dark background.

Who is BIO?

Background information on the Berkeley
International Office and the services we provide



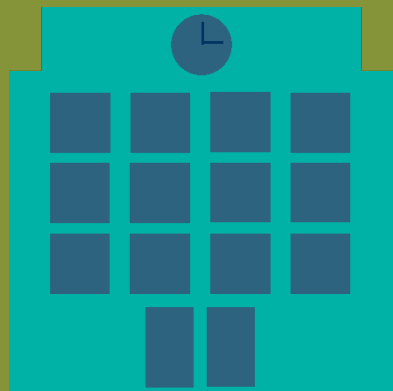
We have been in your shoes!

BIO staff has lived and studied in
33 different countries!

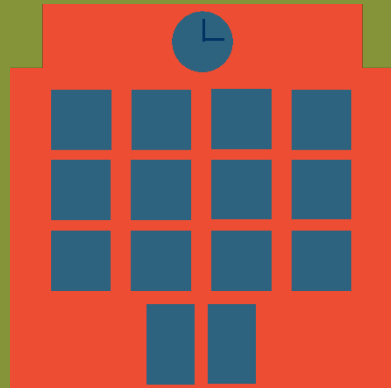
What can BIO do for you?



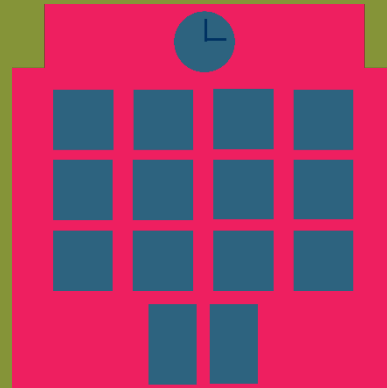
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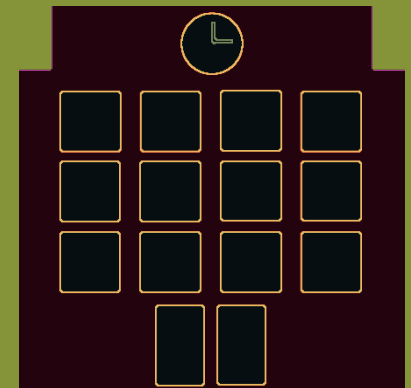
BIO



UCEAP



Study Abroad
Office



College
Advisors



Answer questions about your visa status



Guide you through adversity



Endorse campus forms as appropriate



Advise you on travel &
provide travel signatures



Provide information about employment options



Connect you with on- and off-campus resources



Provide social and leadership opportunities



Upcoming BIO Events

A variety of virtual events that allow you to connect with other international students and the UC Berkeley community from a distance!

- Coffee Break
- English Conversation Tables
- International Graduate Happy Hour
- International Grad Webinar: How to Choose Your Adviser
- Virtual Social Events
- Immigration and Career Workshops

...and more! Visit our [event calendar](#) for event details and sign up information.

Location

2150 Shattuck Ave
Suite 500
Berkeley, CA 94704

Conveniently located near
campus, Downtown
Berkeley BART, and
several bus lines!



One-on-One Virtual Advising

- Meet with an adviser one-on-one via Zoom or phone to discuss your questions
- Drop-in advising
- Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 10 am - 12 pm and 1-4 pm.
- Visit [our website](#) for instructions on how to access

Email

For less time-sensitive questions, contact us by email to receive a detailed response from an adviser in 3 business days or less!

Email: internationaloffice@berkeley.edu



Weekly BIO Newsletter

- Important immigration reminders
- Upcoming events and programs
- Relevant news from around campus

Subscribe by updating your LOCAL address in Cal Central to the email you would like to have the newsletter sent to!

Connect with us

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Wechat



Stay up-to-date

Things can change quickly in the immigration world. Please stay up to date on the latest information and how it could affect your immigration status in the following ways:

- BIO Website, especially:
 - [- COVID 19 FAQ](#)
 - [- Immigration Policy Updates FAQ](#)
- Subscribe to weekly BIO Newsletter
- Read ALL emails from BIO



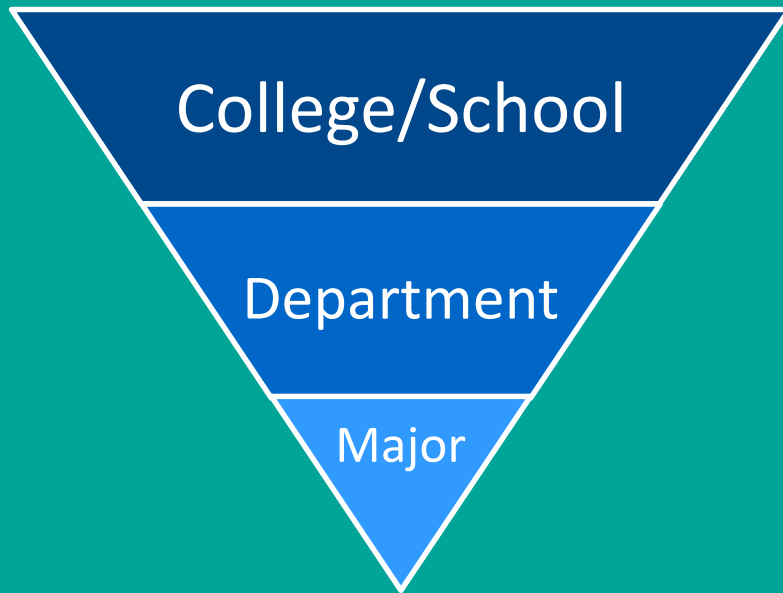
Navigating Campus

How to prepare for and navigate UC Berkeley
and the Bay Area to set yourself up for
success



University Structure & Culture

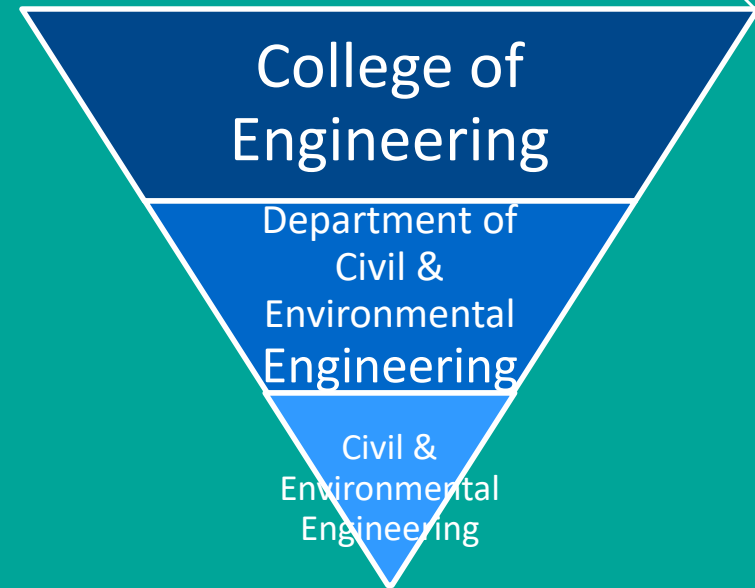
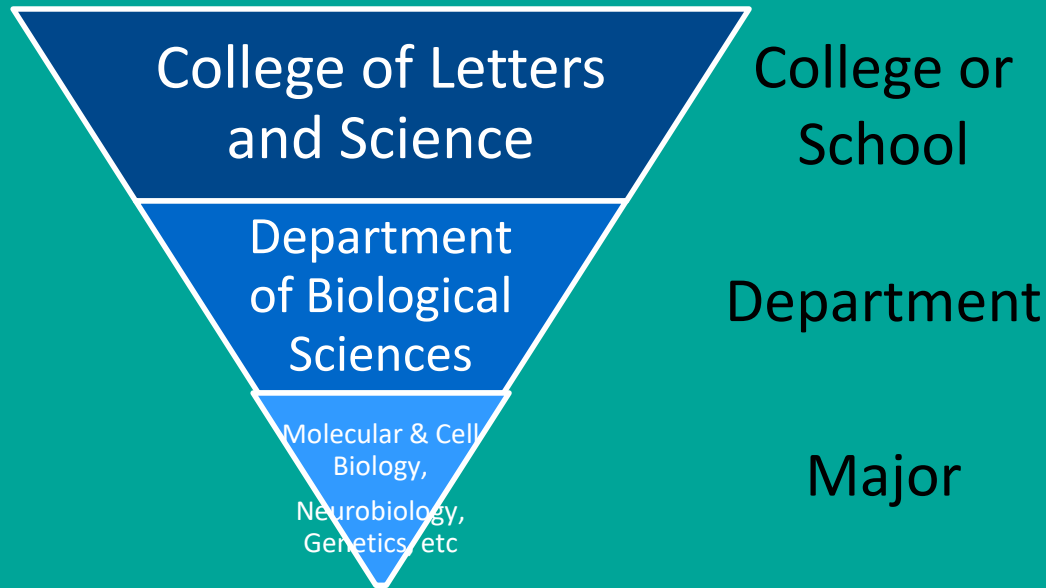
University Structure



- College of Chemistry
- School of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Environmental Design
- Haas School of Business
- School of Information
- School of Journalism
- School of Law
- College of Letters & Science
- College of Natural Resources
- School of Optometry
- School of Public Health
- School of Public Policy
- School of Social Welfare

University Structure

Two examples:



Classroom Culture

- Lecture
- Laboratory / Studio / Workshop / Field Work
- Seminar
- Section

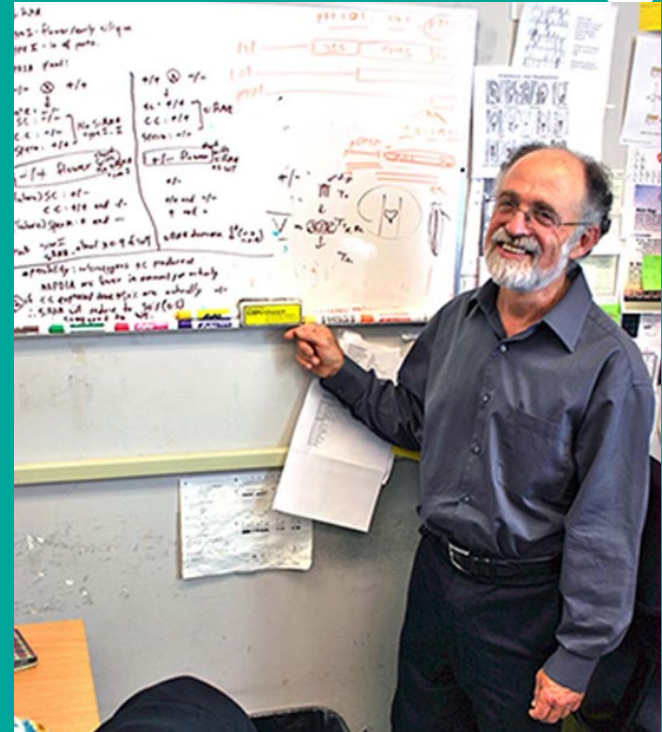




**Learning is
supported
holistically**

Academic Support: Office Hours

- Ask questions
- Clarify a point
- Delve deeper into an idea
- Ask about research opportunities



Academic Support: Academic Advisers



- Advice on selecting a major
- Help enrolling in courses
- Clarity on degree requirements
- Support with low grades
- Academic Advisers go by many titles:
 - College advisers
 - Department advisers
 - Major advisers
 - Faculty advisers
 - Peer advisers

This is a
BIG
university

40,000
students

6,000+
International Students

Create small communities



Building Community

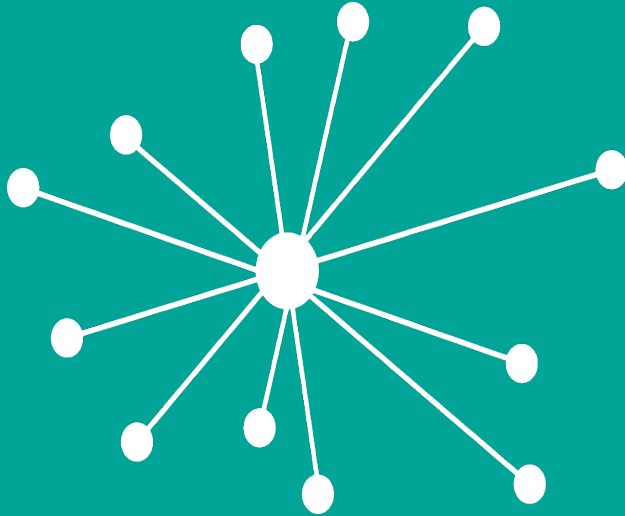
Engineering

“Berkeley can be isolating. Join a graduate student association in your area of study and attend events. For example, MEGSCo, Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Council.”



Our decentralized campus requires

Persistence + Politeness



Department

Graduate Division

Berkeley International Office



Graduate academic advising

Department

- Course selection
- Degree requirements
- GSR/GSI positions

Graduate Division

- Graduate Writing Center
- Financial Support
- Petition Processing
- GSI Teaching & Resource Center



Cross-Disciplinary Pursuits

College of Environmental Design

“You are allowed to take classes outside the department, but scheduling is difficult – especially with studio time. Plan ahead, anticipate deadlines, research scheduling conflicts, explore your interests while using your time wisely.”

You will be challenged

Resilience

Support

**Occasional
Failure**






Be an active learner

Utilizing Advising





Actively engage
with faculty and
classmates

Balance academic
work with
GSR/GSI
responsibilities

Offer something
new to the field
through critical
thinking



Campus Resources

Offices and departments that can provide you support,
whether you are here in person or abroad!

Student Learning Center (SLC)

The Student Learning Center supports a global community of learners as they navigate the cultural expectations and academic rigor of UC Berkeley.

- A variety of programs for different disciplines and majors
 - Writing Program
 - Language Exchange
 - Peer-led advising
- International Student Program:
<https://slc.berkeley.edu/international-student-program>
- Resources for Academic Support:
<https://slc.berkeley.edu/general-resources>



Transfer Student Center (TSC)

- Virtual Front Desk
- Academic Counseling
- Mentorship program: <https://transfers.berkeley.edu/transferinsights>
- Transition Course: <https://transfers.berkeley.edu/transitioncourses>



Transfers



Lead Center



- UC Berkeley's hub for student involvement, leadership development, and co-curricular advising
- Over 1,200 diverse student organizations, organized primarily for students and by students
- Find your student org using Cal Link: <https://callink.berkeley.edu/>
- Virtual Fall Calapalooza: <https://lead.berkeley.edu/calapalooza/>



Disabled Students' Program (DSP)

- Promotes an inclusive environment for students with disabilities and equips students with appropriate accommodations and services to achieve their individual academic goals.
- Apply for services: <https://dsp.berkeley.edu/students/new-students/application-process>
- Various support services:
 - Cal Trio DSP SSS
 - Autism Spectrum Services
 - Career Services
 - And more!



Career Center

Your career portal at Cal:

<https://berkeley.joinhandshake.com>



Career Center International Student website:

- <https://career.Berkeley.edu> **(24/7 resources!)**
- <https://career.Berkeley.edu/intnlstudents/intnlstudents>

Career Mail (weekly e-newsletters with jobs, events & resources)

- Handshake > Career Interest > Careermail: International students

Virtual Appointments and Drop-ins:

- 30-min appt See schedule and sign up in Handshake
- 10-min drop-in Wed & Thur, 3-5pm, check website for Zoom link



Community Resources

Resources that will help you adjust to life in the US,
whenever you arrive!

Housing

- BIO Finding Housing Web Page:
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/housing>
- Cal Housing Office: On-campus housing
<http://www.housing.berkeley.edu/housing/>
- UC Berkeley Cal Rentals: Provides rental listings, roommate search tool, housing tips:
<http://calrentals.housing.berkeley.edu/>
- Housing scams & safety information:
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/scams-safety-old>

Money & Banking

- BIO Money and Banking web page:
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/money>
- BIO Financial Aid Web Page:
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/aid>
- Bears for Financial Success: a campus group focusing on financial literacy and helping students manage their expenses. <http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/bears-financial-success>

Bank of the West

Bank of the West the official bank of UC Berkeley, and is a fundamentally different bank. We are taking bold action for the planet and leading in the areas of sustainability, global impact and diversity.

We're on Campus

We have a branch and 10 convenient ATMs right on campus for your convenience, as well as other locations across the US for when you head home.

We Have International Reach

As a member of the BNP Paribas Group, our values and presence span the globe across 71 countries. With us, so does your potential!

We're Sustainable and Diverse

Bank of the West has the strongest environmental stance of any major bank. We also lead diversity by example with a female CEO and nearly 30% female leadership.

Where You Put Your Money Matters

Open a checking account with a bank that finances a sustainable tomorrow.

Now offering two accounts for all Berkeley Students!

Bank of the West

Now offering two accounts for all Berkeley Students!

The first bank account designed for climate action	The bank account designed with students in mind
1% for the Planet Account	UC Berkeley Student Checking
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We donate 1% of our net revenue from this account to 1% of the Planet (at no cost to you) *3• \$0 monthly service charge with any deposit per statement <i>or</i> if you are under the age of 25 *1• No minimum opening deposit. No minimum balance requirement• Track CO₂ Impact of every purchase made on the 1% for the Planet debit card *2• Debit card made from 100% biodegradable plastic *4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$0 monthly service charge as long as you are a UC Berkeley Student *5• Online and Mobile Banking— check your balance, make deposits, view transactions, and set up low balance alerts *6• Open your account with just a \$20 deposit. No minimum balance requirement• Student Perks Bundle-- earn debit rewards and get rebates on 2 non-Bank of the West ATM transactions per month. *7



BOTW - Legal & Disclosures

1 - The 1% for the Planet account is the Any Deposit Checking account that donates 1% of the net revenue to environmental nonprofits through the 1% for the Planet organization. \$10.00 monthly service charge waived with one deposit of any amount each statement cycle. Deposits include direct deposit, mobile deposit, ATM deposit, or in-branch deposit of any amount. Does not include fund transfers between Bank of the West accounts or any credits from Bank of the West. Opening deposit can be any amount (\$0.01 or more). No monthly service charge if any account owner is under age 25.

2 - The carbon tracking tool, which will appear in the Bank of the West Mobile app for 1% for the Planet account, uses the Aland Index, a cloud-based service for carbon impact calculations, to provide a measurement of the potential carbon impact of purchases made with the 1% for the Planet debit card. The calculation is based on the merchant code, a code that indicates the types of goods or services a company provides, and the amount of the purchase. The actual carbon impact may be higher or lower than the measurement provided. The Aland Index is the leading index solution for carbon emission calculations for payments and financial transactions. The Aland Index Solution is a joint venture between Alandsbanken and Doconomy. Bank of the West licenses the Aland Index through Doconomy. To learn more visit alandindexsolutions.com.

3 - Net revenue is defined as fees charged directly to the account, plus interest income, minus losses. Net fees is gross fees charged less reversals. Interest income is defined as the lowest end of the target Fed Funds range during the time period being assessed, multiplied by the average balance of the account and the percent of days in the year during which balances were held. Debit card revenue is not included in the account revenue calculation.

4 - The EMV chip, magnetic strip, ink and hologram are not biodegradable

A Bank of the West account is not required for any aspect of the Cal 1 Card or its debit feature.

5 The UC Berkeley Student Checking account offer is only available to UC Berkeley students. A current student Cal 1 Card, transcript, class schedule, or for incoming students an acceptance letter, must be presented at account opening. All accounts are subject to the standard Bank of the West Deposit Account Disclosure for Personal Accounts and the Schedule of Fees and Charges. Renew your UC Berkeley student status before the six-year anniversary of your account by presenting a valid student Cal 1 Card. Otherwise your account will be converted to our Any Deposit Checking product and the \$5 monthly Student Perks Bundle fee will no longer be waived.

6 Bank of the West Mobile App is available for Android™ and iPhone® devices. Mobile Banking is supported on Apple iPhone devices with iOS 4.3 and greater and on Android mobile devices with OS2.1 and greater.

Wireless carriers may charge fees for text transmissions or data usage. Message frequency depends on account settings. Text HELP to BKWST (25978) for help. Availability of Mobile Banking may be affected by your mobile device's coverage area.

7 Student Perks Bundle includes benefits for using non-Bank of the West ATMs and enrollment in debit rewards. The \$5 monthly Student Perks Bundle fee is waived for UC Berkeley Student Checking accounts. There's no Bank of the West charge for two transactions per statement cycle (\$2.50 per transaction) for non-Bank of the West ATM transactions (balance inquiry, transfer, withdrawal); and up to \$6 per statement cycle for fees charged by non-Bank of the West ATMs for use of their ATMs will be rebated within one business day. Foreign transaction fees may apply.

Deserve



With more than 1M international students studying in the U.S. under F, J, and M visas, Deserve(link is external)'s mission is to help these deserving students access a U.S. credit card and start establishing their U.S. credit history early.

The Deserve EDU Student Credit Card

- No SSN required for international students to apply
- Amazon Prime Student on us ¹
- 1% Cash Back on all purchases ²
- Cellphone Protection ³
- \$0 Annual Fee



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¹One year of Amazon Prime Student, with a lifetime value up to \$59. See terms and conditions at Deserve.com

²All cash back rewards are issued as statement credits, and are automatically applied to your statement in increments of \$25. Purchases do not include items returned for credit, or interest and account fees.

³Subject to limitations and exclusions. See terms and conditions at Deserve.com/perks.

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\$50,000 Deserve Scholarship Sweepstakes

Twenty-five (25) US students and twenty-five (25) international students will receive a \$1,000 Deserve 2020-2021 Scholarship.



JULY 27

Sweepstakes Opens



OCT 31

Sweepstakes Closes



NOV 30

Winner Announcement



DEC 15

Check Disbursement

You worked hard to get into college. Let us make it easier for you to pay your tuition.

Visit deserve.com/scholarship for full details and enter today.

Transportation

- BIO Transportation Web Page: General transportation information for international students
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/transportation>
- BIO Driving in California Web Page: Information on driving and obtaining a driver's license for international students
<https://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/living/driving>
- UC Berkeley Parking and Transportation office:
<http://pt.berkeley.edu/>
- Berkeley AC Transit bus system: <http://www.actransit.org/>
- Berkeley Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) subway system:
<http://www.bart.gov/>

A photograph of a brown bear standing in a field of dry grass and small red flowers. The bear is looking towards the camera. In the top right corner, there is a decorative geometric pattern of white lines forming a series of interconnected triangles.

Go Bears!