

# Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program

## University of California, Santa Cruz

### 2017-2018 Guidelines and Procedures for Community Colleges

**2017-2018 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program** scholarship recipients will be selected by the chancellor of UCSC from nominees submitted by the presidents of participating community colleges. The program provides a \$20,000 scholarship distributed over two years, mentoring and academic support, and assistance in finding paid or volunteer summer work experience.

#### General Procedures

Each participating community college designates a scholarship coordinator who oversees the application process at the college, serves as liaison with UCSC, and provides information to interested students.

The UCSC Office of Admissions sends application packets to the scholarship coordinator. Informational materials are provided to assist in publicizing the scholarship.

#### Student Application Process

Students may apply for a Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program scholarship by following these steps:

1. Obtain an application from the scholarship coordinator designated by your community college.
2. Apply for fall 2017 admission to UC Santa Cruz by January 3, 2017 by submitting the UC Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships.
3. Apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2017. Students on a non-immigrant visa (F-1, J-1, etc.) are not eligible for this award.
4. Collect two letters of recommendation. At least one letter must be from a faculty member; the other letter should be from an individual who is able to comment on such areas as extracurricular activities, leadership skills, commitment, and dedication.
5. Obtain transcripts from all colleges attended (unofficial copies are acceptable).
6. Submit these items in one packet to the scholarship coordinator at the community college by

**February 1, 2017:**

- ◆ Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program application (with personal statement attached – single-sided paper, no staples, please)
- ◆ two letters of recommendation
- ◆ all college transcripts (unofficial college copies are acceptable)

## Community College Nominee Selection Process

The college selects Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program nominees by following these steps:

1. After the February 1 application deadline, the president nominates up to three students who meet the following scholarship criteria:
  - ◆ Show exceptional achievement through academic and extracurricular accomplishments despite adverse socioeconomic conditions;
  - ◆ Demonstrate an involvement in activities that assist and improve the lives of others;
  - ◆ Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities that reflect the ideals of the Pister Leadership Opportunity Program;
  - ◆ Because of financial need, would not otherwise be able to attend UC Santa Cruz;
  - ◆ Qualify for fall 2017 admission to UCSC as a new junior transfer student.
2. The president writes a letter of support for each of the three nominees. The following items for each nominee must be submitted to UCSC *in one packet* by **February 27, 2017** (reminder: no staples, please):
  - ◆ president's letter of support
  - ◆ Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program application (with personal statement attached)
  - ◆ two letters of recommendation
  - ◆ complete college transcripts from all colleges attended (through fall 2016 term – unofficial copies accepted)
3. Send nomination packets to:

Office of Campus Advising Coordination  
Merrill College Faculty Services  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
1156 High Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Complete nomination packets must be postmarked by the February 27 deadline to be considered.

### UCSC Selection Process

Select students will be invited to an interview at UC Santa Cruz on March 24, 2017. All forwarded applicants may or may not be invited for an interview. The committee then makes recommendations to the chancellor, who will make the final selections.

Award winners will be announced by April 30, 2017.