

# THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT

## STRENGTHENING OUR WORLD-CLASS HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

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- **Investing billions in California's world-class higher education system to advance access, affordability, equity, and success for all students**
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California's economic success is directly tied to our investment in the future. Governor Newsom's Blueprint advances access, affordability, equity, and success for all students with things like expanded financial aid for students and college savings accounts. The Governor's Blueprint aims to ensure students find jobs that not only pay well, but also help our state maintain its status as an economic powerhouse and the place where the nation's future is invented – with a focus on careers in healthcare, education, climate, and technology.

### **DELIVERING ON A MULTI-YEAR STRATEGY TO ADVANCE EQUITY, ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND SUCCESS FOR YEARS TO COME**

Under Governor Newsom's leadership, the state has reached an agreement with California's higher education systems to connect investment dollars with outcomes. Additional, ongoing funding will be tied to metrics focused on equity, access, affordability and student success, including reaching a goal of 70% postsecondary attainment by 2030.

- Key investments in the higher education system include:
  - **5 percent base budget increases for the UC and CSU systems**, with the promise of 5 percent base budget growth each year through 2026-27, representing billions of dollars in sustained increases over multiple years.
  - **\$180 million to add more than 16,000 new seats for California students** in University of California and California State University systems, while making sure both systems increase capacity for transfer students.
  - **More resources** for California Community Colleges, including targeted investments to help students transfer to four-year universities.
  - **\$318 million for five climate initiatives** across the UC and CSU systems, with research grants, innovation incubators and workforce development and training.
- Key commitments from the UC, CSU, and Community Colleges include:
  - **Growing enrollment for California students, including transfer students**, at the UC and CSU by 21,000 additional seats by 2026.

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- **Saving students hundreds of millions of dollars annually** by significantly reducing the cost of textbooks and instructional materials.
- **Eliminating equity gaps** by 2025 at the CSU, 2026 at the community colleges, and 2030 at the UC.
- **Improving student success and streamlining pathways to more degrees** with a focus on healthcare, education, climate, and technology – building a pipeline to the workforce.
- **Establishing a goal for all UC and CSU undergraduates to participate in one semester of research, internships, and/or relevant community service** to prepare them with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the workplace.
- **Building a single admissions platform** that allows students to easily apply to the UC, CSU, and community colleges, all at once.

## SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE TO CAREER

- **Investing in college and career pathways** by expanding dual enrollment programs to help students earn credit toward their degrees before going to college. The plan includes funding to support student retention and enrollment at community colleges and supports foster youth at UC, CSU, and community colleges.

## FULFILLING COMMITMENTS ON COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

- **Investing in affordable student housing.** The Blueprint invests an additional \$750 million for student housing, supporting the \$2 billion total commitment that's already been made to build more housing that students can actually afford.
- **Expanding scholarship programs and grants, help students earn while they learn.** The Blueprint includes funding for the Middle Class Scholarship Program 2.0 to cover non-tuition related costs for more students and families, money for the Learning Aligned Employment Program to help students earn and learn and expands the Student Success Completion Grant, building on the expansion of Cal Grant for community college students.