

# THE SCOOP

UCI SCHOLARSHIPS

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# FAITH ABUAN

SCHOLAR OF UC IRVINE

Faith Abuan, a fourth-year transfer student majoring in Mathematics, is involved in Kababayan, the Black Psychology Association, and is in the Campus-wide Honors Collegium at the University of California, Irvine. Her unwavering passion for math has been a constant throughout her academic journey, stemming from her childhood. Desiring to apply mathematical principles to real-world challenges, Faith has carved a path in mathematical biology, showcased through her impactful internships at City of Hope, participation in NASA's NACAS program during the pandemic, and the Math Bio U Math Explorer internship at UCI.

As a transfer student, Faith's journey has been marked by positivity despite the challenges. The pandemic shift to online learning at home allowed her to reflect and shape her aspirations. Thrilled to transition to university life, Faith appreciates the independence and self-discovery it has brought. Her enthusiasm for the schooling experience and engagement with others at the university have aided her in forging her own path.

Receiving the scholarship was a surprise for Faith. Her approach to applying reflects her understanding of the selective nature of scholarships. "In my mindset, I was going to apply and put my best foot forward and share my experiences honestly," Faith said. Grateful for the financial support, Faith states the relief it provides, alleviating the burden of loans post-graduation.

**Senior  
Mathematics Major  
Edison STEM Transfer  
Scholarship**



# JEFF FASSBINDER

SCHOLAR OF UC IRVINE

**Freshman**  
**Political Science Major**  
**Laverne Noyes Scholarship**

Jeff Fassbinder, a first-year Political Science student at the University of California, Irvine, brings a passion and profound dedication to service and community in his academic journey. His commitment to service is deeply rooted in his family's multigenerational military history, dating back to World War I. During his high school years, Jeff played integral roles in student leadership, serving as the communication officer for Chino Hills High School, and actively contributed to the creation of the school's first independent newspaper.

Receiving the scholarship was a profound moment for Jeff, given his family's deep military legacy. The impact of the scholarship has helped to relieve financial stress, allowing Jeff to focus on his education and provided him the opportunity to engage in various extracurricular activities such as Mock Trial, Air Force ROTC, taking additional units, and expanding his social circle. As Jeff continues his education path, the scholarship supported him to pursue his educational goals while honoring a family tradition of service and sacrifice. After graduating, Jeff remains committed to serving the community.





Internal Center student staffs help welcome students to ISPOP.

## CAMPUS RESOURCE

# UCI INTERNATIONAL CENTER



English Conversation Program facilitators participate in an ice-breaker to connect with international students.



Student Interns gain professional experience by working with development and delivery of programs and activities.



International Center staff tabling at Graduate Student Resource Fair.

The UCI International Center was established early at University of California, Irvine to welcome international students to campus. As immigration regulations changed and the population increased, the International Center expanded its program and event outreach to provide enhanced services. The primary service population of the center includes international students, researchers, faculty, and staff but they also offer involvement and leadership opportunities to all students.

Below are some of the services that the center provides:

- **Enhanced Services:** The international Center offers a multitude of services including immigration services and advising to international students and scholars, academic department advising on enrollment and employment of international students and scholars, and pre-arrival advising, and orientation. They also host workshops and events aimed at enhancing the student and scholar experience at UCI.
- **Programs for Transition and Adjustment:** The center understand that transitioning to a new environment can be challenging. To make this process smoother, they offer adjustment assistance and offer programs like the I-STEPS transition course, English Conversation Program, and SoCal Field Trips.
- **Leadership and Involvement Opportunities:** The Center encourages students to become International Center Program Interns, I-STEPS course facilitators, English Conversation facilitators, and volunteers.

Throughout the year, the UCI International Center hosts events to foster connections and is open to all students. Meeting international students is an opportunity to learn about the world. Some of their key events include the International Center Welcome Picnic, and the weekly International Coffee Hour.

The mission of the International Center is to advance and facilitate International engagement to enhance the academic and personal experience of the international community. The staff at the center is committed to serving campus constituents. To stay up to date with the center's programs and events, visit their website at [www.ic.uci.edu](http://www.ic.uci.edu). You can also join their bi-weekly newsletter or follow them on social media to stay connected and informed about all the exciting opportunities the International Center has to offer!

### Additional Links:

**Programs:** <https://ic.uci.edu/programs/index.php>

**Contact:** <https://ic.uci.edu/resource-pages/advising.php>



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# APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

*January 1 - January 31st, 2024*

Scholarships are for the 2024-2025 academic year



[UCI.SCHOLARSHIPUNIVERSE.COM](https://uci.scholarshipuniverse.com)



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JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 31, 2024

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

## UCI SCHOLARSHIPUNIVERSE



Log on to  
uci.scholarshipuniverse.com  
for UCI campuswide and  
departmental scholarships



## APPLICATION



Answer general and  
scholarship-specific questions  
to see which scholarships you  
qualify for



## FINALIZE

Look through your answers  
and submit your  
application!



## FAFSA/CADAA



Submit FAFSA or CA Dream  
Act Application if eligible to  
be considered for need-  
based scholarships

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