

Frausto Scholarship

The Sandra Frausto Student Award seeks to reward the achievements of University of California, Santa Cruz students who in their undergraduate years have combined academic excellence with a commitment to increasing the understanding or improving the welfare of Chicanas/Latinas in the United States. The award particularly seeks to recognize those whose UC Santa Cruz education will provide a foundation for a career in Education or in teaching. The award is named in memory of Sandra Frausto, a student of Merrill College who died prematurely while studying abroad in Mexico City.

Scholarship Amount

\$750.00 annually – to be awarded to a single student studying abroad during a program specified for the Summer, Fall, or Academic Year.

Timeline

February 10, 2016 - Application Opens, Student Notified (can be earlier)

March 7, 2016 - Student Deadline to Submit (3 weeks)

March 8 – March 25, 2016 - Application Verification & Processing/Selection Panels, list sent to Financial Aid to confirm financial need

March 28, 2016 – Recipient notified

April 1, 2016 - Recipient deadline to accept scholarship

No later than April 1 - Notification to Financial Aid, with list of Summer/Fall Departing students

How to Apply

Students will complete an online application form in addition to uploading a personal statement (minimum 1-2 pages, addressing each of the selection criteria listed below) and unofficial transcript.

Eligibility

Students must be selected or have officially applied to a Summer, Fall, or Academic Year-long UCEAP program and be a student of Merrill College.

Preferred Selection Criteria

These are preferred - students may still apply if they do not meet all criteria. Applications will be reviewed and scored on the following:

- Studying on a UCEAP program in Mexico or a Latin American country
- Majoring in Community Studies, Education, Latino & Latin American Studies, Politics, or another Social Science field of study
- Financial need
- First generation college student
- Integration of academic and/or career goals into selected UCEAP program, with particular interest in pursuing a career in Education or teaching
- Participation in campus Chicano/Latina student organizations and/or volunteer experience in community-based non-profits or causes that effect positive change in the Chicano/Latina community

Personal Statement Guidelines

The personal statement should address how the student meets the preferred selection criteria listed above, with particular emphasis in describing the following, if applicable:

- How their program will help them achieve their academic and/or career goals, particularly as related to a career in Education or teaching,
- Impact financial need and/or being the first in their family to attend college had on their decision to study abroad, and
- Involvement in Chicano/Latina student organizations on campus and/or volunteer experience in community-based non-profits or causes that effect positive change in the Chicano/Latina community, and how study abroad will impact continued community involvement upon return from abroad.

Selection

A selection committee consisting of one UCSC Programs Abroad Advisor and two representatives from Merrill College (total of three) will review and score each application based on the criteria listed above. 0-5 points (with 5 being most met) will be awarded on the following:

- Studying on a UCEAP program in Mexico or a Latin American country and majoring in Community Studies, Education, Latino & Latin American Studies, Politics or another Social Science field of study
- Financial need and/or first generation college student
- Integration of academic and/or career goals into selected UCEAP program, with particular interest in pursuing a career in Education or teaching
- Participation in campus Chicano/Latina student organizations and/or volunteer experience in community-based non-profits or causes that effect positive change in the Chicano/Latina community, and how study abroad will impact continued or new community involvement in these areas upon return

Conditions of Award

- If the selected student withdraws or is withdrawn from their UCEAP program, the student will no longer be eligible for the scholarship. The scholarship will then be awarded to an alternate.
- Upon completion of program, selected student must submit a letter of appreciation and a photo with brief description of study abroad experience to the UCSC International Education Office.