

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 22, 2019 --- Application opens

March 15, 2019 --- Student deadline to Submit

April 6, 2019 – Recipients notified

April 13, 2019 --- Recipient deadline to accept scholarship

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 but 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.