The 2000-01 academic year is the sixth consecutive year that mandatory systemwide student fees have not increased at the University of California. The support of the governor, Legislature and taxpayers of California has helped UC continue to provide students with affordable access to a world-class education. A major expansion of the Cal Grant program in 2001 also will provide significant new financial assistance to students and their families.

RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE FEES

Mandatory systemwide fees for resident undergraduates at UC remain unchanged in 2000-01, thanks to funding provided in the state budget to avoid a student fee increase. By contrast, college fees and tuition increased by an average of 4.4 percent at public four-year universities nationally this year, according to a College Board survey.

State funding allowed UC's mandatory systemwide fees for resident undergraduates to actually decline by a total of 10 percent during the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 years. In 2000-01, these fees total $3,429 per year. With the inclusion of campus-based miscellaneous fees, the average total for resident undergraduates is $3,964 per year. This figure is more than $1,200 below the average of fees charged at the four public universities around the nation (Illinois, Michigan, SUNY and Virginia) that UC uses for fee-comparison purposes.

RESIDENT GRADUATE FEES

The 1999-2000 state budget provided funds to reduce fees for resident graduate academic students by 5 percent. Mandatory systemwide fees for these students remain unchanged in 2000-01 at $3,609 per year. The total including campus-based miscellaneous fees averages $4,747. This figure is more than $2,100 below the average of the comparison group.

Mandatory systemwide fees also remain unchanged this year for California residents subject to the Fee for Selected Professional School Students. Fees for these students currently are below the average at the four comparison institutions.

NONRESIDENT TUITION

Nonresident tuition increases 4.5 percent ($440) for the 2000-01 academic year. UC sets nonresident tuition consistent with a state policy adopted by the Legislature in 1990 that ties tuition levels for out-of-state students to the actual cost of instruction and to the nonresident charges imposed by the comparison institutions. The policy also calls for gradual, moderate and predictable increases in nonresident tuition.

The increase in 2000-01 will raise nonresident tuition from $9,804 per year to $10,244. In addition to paying nonresident tuition, out-of-state students pay regular systemwide and campus-based fees. The total in 2000-01 will average $14,578 for undergraduates, or $592 less than the average at the comparison institutions; and $15,181 for graduate students, or $241 less than the comparison group average.

SUMMER FEE REDUCTION

The 2000-01 state budget provides funding for UC to reduce summer instructional fees to the level of the rest of the academic year, on a per-unit basis. Historically, summer fees have been higher than the rest of the year because the state has not provided financial support for summer instruction.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid plays a major role in making UC accessible to students. UC students receive more than $1 billion in financial aid each year, more than half of it in the form of gift aid. A major expansion of the state's Cal Grant program, beginning in fall 2001, will guarantee financial aid awards to graduating high school seniors and other students who meet the program eligibility requirements. Details are available on the Web at: www.csac.ca.gov