What is EOP?

EOP students are first-generation, culturally diverse and globally engaged leaders who, for nearly half a century, have helped strengthen and transform California’s professional workforce.

History

In April 1969, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1072 (the Harmer Bill) establishing the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) which was designed to provide recruitment and retention services to first-generation, low income, historically underserved students throughout the CSU System.

For more than four generations EOP programs across the state have played an instrumental role in generating a steady workforce of dynamic, globally engaged, culturally diverse and talented professionals for the state of California and for the nation.

Mission Statement

The Office of Educational Opportunity Programs and Ethnic Affairs is committed to serving first generation, low income, historically underserved students by providing innovative services that facilitate the successful recruitment, retention and development of scholars and leaders as they persist toward a university degree.

San Diego State University’s Office of Educational Opportunity Programs and Ethnic Affairs is one of the largest in the California State University System, serving over 3,300 students.

San Diego State University

Founded in 1897, SDSU is the largest and oldest institution of higher learning in San Diego County, offering 90 academic majors for nearly 34,000 undergraduate students. U.S. News & World Report ranks SDSU among the top ethnically diverse campuses in the nation.
**What can EOP do for you?**

**Recruitment** - Presentations, site visits, special workshops and programs for 8-12 schools, community colleges and community-based organizations. The Aztec Scholars initiative recruits prospective African American and American Indian students.

**First Contact** - A mandatory, free summer orientation for incoming EOP students.

**Transitional Bridge Programs** - Summer readiness programs for selected first time freshmen and transfer students which provide academic enrichment coursework coupled with activities to acquaint incoming students with campus life, academic programs and services.

**Academic, Career and Personal Counseling** - A full range of personalized support services available only to EOP students.

**Retention Services** - The Learning Support Center (LSC) provides free tutoring services for EOP students, academic monitoring, a computer lab and a study lounge.

**EOP Grant** - Students who complete the FAFSA early (or if AB 540 status, the California Dream Act application) may be eligible for an EOP grant. Eligibility is determined by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

**California Dream Act** - EOP services and certain types of aid are available for AB 540 students who meet the state of California’s established criteria.

**Education Without Borders (EWB)** - EWB is a student organization that aims to highlight the issues affecting undocumented students and other marginalized groups, while fostering a support network that encourages diversity and access to higher education.

**The Guardian Scholars Program** - Assists students exiting the foster care system to achieve their academic goals. Comprehensive services include year-round housing, scholarships and personal support services.

**SOAR** - The SOAR student mentoring program provides opportunities for personal and academic growth through supportive peer relationships.

**EOP Student Advisory Board** - A student organization which advocates for students’ interests and organizes enrichment activities throughout the academic year.

**Graduation Reception** - Upon successfully completing their undergraduate studies, students and their families are recognized at a special ceremony.

*This program component is offered at the Imperial Valley Campus.*
Maria Icela Cabrera completed her studies at the Imperial Valley Campus, managing motherhood, family life and work, in addition to a rigorous academic schedule. Maria Icela has earned her Bachelor’s degree with distinction in Psychology. She is part of a select cohort of Aztec students who graduated magna cum laude - a Latin distinction for high academic honors.

Joshua Travis Morse is an up-and-coming college professional who selected Finance as his first degree. Josh is a former EOP guardian scholar who brings a rich life experience to the world of work. He served as President of Associated Students in 2013-14.

Christopher Miguel Medellin majored in American Indian Studies, and in Television, Film and New Media. Chris has served as President of Delta Upsilon, the sixth oldest international, all-male, Greek fraternity. As Vice President for NASA (Native American Student Alliance) he is committed to sharing his American Indian heritage with the campus community.
Applying for EOP Services

Eligible Applicants

- Historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged undergraduate students with the academic potential to succeed in a university setting
- California residents or eligible AB 540 Dream Act students
- Students who meet the established income criteria

EOP Income Criteria

To be eligible for EOP services applicants must meet the established income criteria. This table is updated on a yearly basis. For current income guidelines please visit www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/income.asp

EOP Priority Application: October 1 to December 15

Applications are processed on a first-come first served basis. Space is limited. Apply early in order to increase your opportunities to enroll in this program. Students cannot apply for services once they begin their first semester of studies at a CSU campus.

Admission Application Fee Waiver

Students who meet the established income guidelines may qualify for the CSU $55 Admission Application Fee Waiver (waives up to four CSU Undergraduate Application fees). To check if you are eligible, complete the SDSU undergraduate application at www.csumentor.edu. The Application Fee Waiver is in Section 12.
Apply for EOP in **4** easy steps

1. **File your SDSU undergraduate admission application** at www.csumentor.edu
   - Enrollment Information
   - Name and Address
   - Personal Information
   - California State Residency Information
   - Demographic Information
   - High School Information
   - College Information
   - High School Prep 1
   - High School Prep 2
   - College Courses
   - Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
   - Application Fee Waiver
   - Review Your Application

2. **File your SDSU campus EOP application** at www.csumentor.edu
   - Information from Admission Application
   - Personal Information
   - Financial Information
   - Autobiographical Statements
   - Recommendations
   - Review Your Application

3. **Complete a separate EOP application for each CSU campus.**

4. **Make sure the EOP office receives** the following:
   - **Checklist:**
     - Your complete EOP application (sections 1 to 6)
     - Two completed recommendation forms (section 6-Recommendations)
     - File the FAFSA or, if you are an AB 540 student, the California Dream Act application (dream.csac.ca.gov) during the October 1 - March 2 priority application period. **The $55 application fee waiver is based on financial aid information.**

Send mail to:
EOP Office/ATTN: Admissions
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182

Note:
Write your SDSU Red ID on all documents.

**QUESTIONS?** EOP information & printable forms: www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop

Can’t log in to CSUMentor?
Call 1-800-468-6927 (CSUMentor Helpline)
| October 1 - November 30 | SDSU application filing period  
**EOP priority application filing period begins**  
Financial Aid Application (www.fafsa.gov) filing period: October 1 to March 2  
**First Time Freshmen:** Last month to take the SAT or ACT exams |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December               | Set up your SDSU WebPortal account: [www.sdsu.edu/portal](http://www.sdsu.edu/portal)  
Set up your SDSU AidLink account  
December 15 - **EOP priority application filing period ends*** |
| January                | **Transfers:** Complete the supplemental admission application on the SDSU WebPortal |
| February               | **SDSU scholarships application deadline** |
| March - April          | **SDSU & EOP Admissions notices**  
Explore SDSU Open House |
| May                    | May 1 - Intent to Enroll Deadline for provisionally admitted students  
**SDSU scholarships application deadline**  
**EOP Admissions notices continue**  
Housing license Agreements  
Sign up for New Student Orientations |
| June                   | June 30 - **Transfers:** Deadline to submit all official transcripts w/spring grades  
**EOP First Contact Orientations** |
| July                   | July 15 - **First Time Freshmen:** deadline to submit all official transcripts w/spring grades  
**EOP Transitional Bridge programs**  
**Transfers:** WPA (Writing Proficiency Assessment) may be taken after provisional admission notice and must be taken by first semester of study  
July/August - New Student Orientations |
| August                 | Fall semester begins: Welcome Week, New Student and Family Convocation |
| September              | **EOP month** |

* Check the EOP website or contact our office for extended EOP application dates.
Resources at a Glance

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) • fafsa.ed.gov
Federal Student Aid Overview • studentaid.ed.gov
Student Loan Repayment Estimator studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans
California Dream Act Application • dream.csac.ca.gov
California Dream Network (AB 540 eligibility criteria) www.cadreamnetwork.org/ab-540

SDSU Campus
Prospective Student Center • (619) 594-6336 arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions
Test Office (ELM/EPT/WPA) • (619) 594-5216 studentaffairs.sdsu.edu/testofc
Student Account Services • (619) 594-5253 bfa.sdsu.edu/fm/co/sfs
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships • (619) 594-6323 www.sdsu.edu/financialaid
Honors Programs • (619) 594-2872 uhp.sdsu.edu/dus/honors
Student Disability Services • (619) 594-6473 go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds
Associated Students • (619) 594-6555 • as.sdsu.edu
Education Without Borders • empower.sdsu.edu

EOP Office
location • Student Services East, 2109
phone: (619) 594-6298 • fax: (619) 594-4299 or 5245
website • www.eop.sdsu.edu
EOP program Imperial Valley Campus: (760) 768-5502

If you have applied for admission to SDSU please check the following accounts regularly:

WebPortal
sdsu.edu/portal

AidLink
sdsu.edu/aidlink

Student Account Services
sdsu.edu/sas