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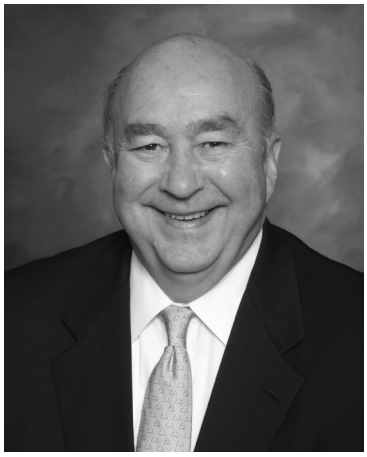

Dear Applicant:

Welcome to the California State University, the nation's largest and best university system. As an applicant for graduate school, you will be among nearly 450,000 students on 23 campuses that span the state of California.

In the Cal State system, we pride ourselves on our quality and student-centered focus. Our highly regarded faculty are, first and foremost, teachers. They share their knowledge and research with students in classrooms, labs, and field studies, and via computers and videoconferencing. We encourage you to be an active partner with our faculty throughout your learning process.

Beyond the classroom, the CSU provides countless opportunities for interaction, personal development, and community service. Our campuses offer numerous clubs and organizations covering a broad array of interests, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

If you would like to explore the CSU system and our campuses online, you can browse through CSUMentor at **www.csumentor.edu**. You are encouraged to apply for admission online through CSUMentor.

Our faculty and staff have a sincere interest in helping you reach your personal and professional goals. We look forward to having you as a valued member of our university family.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Charles B. Reed
Chancellor
The California State University

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Nondiscrimination Policy

Race, Color, and National Origin

The California State University complies with the requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as other applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination. No person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program of the California State University.

Disability

The California State University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and various state laws prohibit such discrimination. [Name and title of employee], has been designated to coordinate the efforts of [name of institution] to comply with all relevant disability laws. Inquiries concerning compliance may be addressed to this person at [campus address and phone number].

Sex/Gender

The California State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender or sexual orientation in the educational programs or activities it conducts. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and certain other federal and state laws prohibit discrimination on these bases in education programs and activities operated by [name of institution]. Such programs and activities include admission of students and employment. Inquiries concerning the application these laws to programs and activities of [name of institution] may be referred to [name of person], the campus officer(s) assigned the administrative responsibility of reviewing such matters or to the Regional Director of the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education, 50 Beale Street, Suite 7200, San Francisco, California 94105.

The California State University is committed to providing equal opportunities to male and female CSU students in all campus programs, including intercollegiate athletics.

Graduation Rates

Information about graduation rates is available from each campus.

Campus Security

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires the distribution of an annual security report to all current faculty, staff, and students and notice of its availability to prospective students, faculty, and staff. The annual security report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the California State University, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting the Police Department of each campus or by accessing the following website: www.calstate.edu/clery/.

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2010-2011 ADMISSION

The CSU application is available online through CSUMentor at www.csumentor.edu

Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission

Using www.csumentor.edu is the fastest, easiest way to apply to the CSU.

Admission Requirements–Graduate and postbaccalaureate applicants may apply for a master's, an Ed.D., a joint doctoral degree, a credential objective, or a certificate objective. Depending on the objective, the CSU will consider an application for admission as follows:

General Requirements–The minimum requirements for admission to graduate and postbaccalaureate studies at a California State University campus are in accordance with university regulations as well as *Title 5, chapter 1, subchapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations.* Specifically, you will qualify for admission if you:

(a) have completed a four-year college course of study and hold an acceptable four-year baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by appropriate campus authorities;

(b) are in good academic standing at the last college or university attended;

(c) have satisfied any one of the following three numbered conditions:

(1) have attained a grade point average (gpa) of at least 2.5 in an acceptable earned baccalaureate degree,

(2) have attained a gpa of at least 2.5 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted,

(3) hold an acceptable post-baccalaureate degree earned at an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association; and

(d) satisfactorily meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations or other screening processes as appropriate campus authorities may prescribe. In unusual circumstances, a campus may make exceptions to these criteria. Some campuses require a higher grade point average for specific programs.

Second baccalaureate candidates use the undergraduate CSU application. Second baccalaureate candidates must meet general postbaccalaureate requirements. Some campuses do not admit second baccalaureate candidates.

If you meet the minimum requirements for graduate and postbaccalaureate studies, you may be considered for admission in one of the following
four categories:

Postbaccalaureate Unclassified–To enroll in courses for professional or personal growth, you must be admitted as a postbaccalaureate unclassified student. By meeting the general requirements, you may become eligible for admission as a postbaccalaureate unclassified student. *Some departments or campuses may restrict enrollment of unclassified students. Admission in this status does not constitute admission to or assurance of consideration for admission to any specific graduate degree or credential program.*

Postbaccalaureate Classified–If you wish to enroll in a credential or certificate program, you will be required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations or other screening processes prescribed by the campus.

Graduate Conditionally Classified–You may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if, in the opinion of appropriate campus authority, you can remedy admission deficiencies by additional preparation.

Graduate Classified–To pursue a graduate degree, you will be required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus.

Program Limitations–Some graduate programs are able to admit all qualified applicants (those with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college and a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units attempted) who apply while applications are "open." Other specific programs have established higher standards for admission. A few high-demand programs are unable to admit all students who apply and meet the established minimum qualifications. Generally, your chances of being accommodated will be better the earlier you apply in the filing period. Inquire with the campus about possible limitations on enrollment in second bachelor's programs.

Choice of Campus–You may file an application with any CSU campus. To be considered by more than one campus, you must submit an application and fee to each campus.

Selection of Degree or Credential Objective–Majors and credential programs offered by the CSU campuses are listed in the back of this booklet. Because the contents of similarly named programs may differ from campus to campus, you should consult the appropriate campus catalog before filing an application.

Transcripts and Supplementary Materials–Most campuses require applicants to file official transcript(s) in sealed envelopes from each college or university previously attended. You should arrange to have those official transcripts sent at the same time you submit your application (see back page for the appropriate address). Since some departments require additional forms or information, applicants should consult the appropriate catalog and/or major department offering the program to determine the documents and other information needed.

Immunization–All new and readmitted students born after January 1, 1957, must provide proof of full immunization against measles and rubella prior to enrollment. This is not an admission requirement, but it is required of students prior to enrollment in the CSU. Individual campuses are authorized to expand specific requirements for immunization.

Graduate Student Support–Various forms of financial support, such as graduate, teaching, and research assistantships, are available to graduate students. In addition, some departments offer special scholarships and traineeships. More information is available from your major department. Other forms of financial aid programs for graduate students are described on page 3.

International Student Admission Requirements–The CSU uses separate requirements and application filing dates in the admission of international students. Some campuses require completion of a supplemental international student application. For this purpose, "international students" include those who hold U.S. visas as students, exchange visitors, or other nonimmigrant classifications. Verification of English proficiency (see paragraph on "TOEFL"), financial resources, and academic performance are all important considerations. Academic records from foreign institutions must be on file at least eight weeks before registration for the first term and, if not written in English, must be accompanied by certified English translations.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Requirement–All graduate and postbaccalaureate applicants whose native language is not English and whose preparatory education was primarily in a language other than English must demonstrate competence in English. Those who do not possess a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary institution where English is the principal language of instruction must take the TOEFL.

The TOEFL exam may be taken via a paper, Internet, or computer exam. A minimum score of 550 on the paper exam, 80 on the Internet version, or 213 on the computer-based TOEFL is required. Some CSU campuses or particular majors require higher score results than these minimum scores. Please check with the CSU campus in which you are interested for the required scores.

Application Filing Dates–You are urged to apply as early as possible. If applying after the initial filing period, consult the campus Admission Office or website for current information.

Application Term	Application First Accepted
Summer Semester or Quarter 2010	February 1, 2010
Fall Semester or Quarter 2010	October 1, 2009
Winter Quarter 2011	June 1, 2010
Spring Semester or Quarter 2011	August 1, 2010

Graduate Financial Aid Information

The California State University provides financial assistance in the form of grants, scholarships, fellowships, loans, and part-time employment for students who meet financial aid program eligibility requirements.* If you believe you will not be able to pay for all of your educational costs, you are encouraged to apply for financial aid.

**CSU financial aid awards are contingent upon continued funding from federal and state government programs. International students who are in the United States on F-1 or F-2 student visas and students who are not citizens or eligible noncitizens are not eligible to receive federal- or state-funded financial aid and should not apply.*

How to Apply for Financial Aid–You must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year between January 1 and March 2 to be considered for priority filing for the fall term. All campuses will continue to accept applications after the priority filing date and will make awards as long as funds are available. The FAFSA and other student aid information is available at the U.S. Department of Education's website, **www.fafsa.gov**. The FAFSA can be accessed through **www.csumentor.org**.

Financial aid funds cannot be transferred from one CSU campus to another. Therefore, if you change your choice of CSU campuses, you must notify the FAFSA processing service of the name of your alternative campus if you did not originally include it on your FAFSA. You may do this by accessing your FAFSA online and add insitutions on your school list.

Selective Service Registration–The U.S. Military Selective Service Act (the "Act") requires most males residing in the United States to present themselves for registration with the Selective Service System within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Most males between the ages of 18 and 25 must be registered. Males born after December 31, 1959, may be required to submit a statement of compliance with the Act and regulations in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under specified provisions of existing federal law. In California, students subject to the Act who fail to register are also ineligible to receive any need-based student grants funded by the state or a public postsecondary institution.

Selective Service Registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office. Applicants for financial aid can also request that information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) be used to register them with the Selective Service. Information on the Selective Service System is available and the registration process may be initiated online at **www.sss.gov**.

California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act

If you or your custodial parent are registered with the California Secretary of State's office as a domestic partner, your eligibility for state-funded financial aid is determined by including consideration of your domestic partner or your parent's domestic partner and their financial circumstances. However, the income and assets of domestic partners are not used in determining eligibility for federal financial aid and are not reported on the FAFSA. Therefore, after you have completed and filed your FAFSA, you must consult the campus website or contact the financial aid office for additional information and the form required in California in order to recognize the domestic partnership for state and institutional aid purposes.

Financial Aid Programs–Students eligible for financial aid typically receive a "package" of aid from two or more of the programs described in the following paragraphs:

Federal Pell Grants–Students admitted to a postbaccalaureate teacher preparation program and enrolled in courses required to receive a teaching credential or certification may be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants provided they meet eligibility requirements. Graduate students are not eligible to receive Federal Pell Grant funds.

Cal Grants–Cal Grant A and B recipients accepted into a teaching credential program may be eligible to receive state-funded Cal Grant fifth-year benefits. Current Cal Grant recipients and students planning to enter credential programs should contact the California Student Aid Commission or the campus financial aid office for additional information and the required forms.

State University Grants–These awards are available to California residents and may be limited to the amount of fees paid.

Graduate Equity Fellowships–These state-funded awards assist students with demonstrated financial need who are admitted to graduate degree programs. Eligible students are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Additional information is available from campus financial aid offices.

Fellowships and Scholarships–Fellowships and scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and financial need, in addition to other criteria as specified by the donors of each fund. The number and types of awards available, as well as the application procedures, vary from campus to campus. Interested students should contact the campus financial aid or scholarship office to obtain application forms and additional information.

Federal Work-Study Program–Work-study jobs enable eligible students to earn money to help pay for their educational expenses through part-time and summer employment on campus or with an approved off-campus agency. The program is jointly funded by the federal government and the employer.

Federal Student Loans–Various long-term, low-interest student loans are available to eligible applicants. Student loans must be repaid with interest. Federal Perkins Loans and Nursing Student Loans may be included in the financial aid package. The amount of the loan will vary according to the total amount of financial aid a student is eligible to receive. Students whose total financial eligibility is not met by a package of aid from the above-listed programs may also be eligible to receive loans through the Federal William D. Ford Direct Student Loan or the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program. Stafford Loans are "subsidized" if the student has financial need, meaning the federal government pays interest on the loan until the borrower begins repayment, or "unsubsidized," meaning the borrower will be charged interest on the loan from the time it is disbursed until it is paid in full. If you enroll in a graduate degree program, you may also be eligible to borrow under the Federal Graduate PLUS Loan Program. You must first utilize any Stafford Loan eligibility and may not have an adverse credit history. Additional information on these loan programs is available from the campus financial aid office.

Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE)–The APLE program administered by the California Student Aid Commission provides a maximum of $19,000 in loan-assumption benefits to students enrolled
in approved teacher preparation programs. In order to receive the maximum benefits, applicants must agree to teach full time for four consecutive years in an eligible California K-12 public school. Contact the teacher preparation program at the campus for additional information and an application.

Other–Additional opportunities for assistance are often available at the program level. These include teaching and research assistantships, small scholarships, and part-time employment funded by faculty research or training grants. Interested students should address inquiries about such opportunities directly to the chair or director of the program in which they wish to enroll.

Lifetime Learning Tax Credit–If you are enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program or are taking courses to acquire or improve job skills, you may qualify for a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit. The Lifetime Learning Tax Credit is available to students at all educational and enrollment levels who are enrolled at an eligible educational institution. The tax credits are based on the amount of qualified tuition and fees, less grants and other tax-free educational assistance, and the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income. Consult IRS Publication 970 or your tax preparer for additional information.

Residence Classification

Residence Classification Information–Under California law, campuses must determine the residence status of all new and returning students. Nonresidents are required to pay nonresident tuition and meet other conditions, unless an exception applies.

Generally, to be eligible for California resident classification, an adult applicant must have established and maintained permanent residence in California at least one year prior to the applicable residence determination date. A minor's residence classification is based on the permanent residence of his or her parents. Residence determination dates for each academic term are:

Quarter Calendars	Semester Calendars
Fall: September 20	Fall: September 20
Winter: January 5	Winter: January 5 (Stanislaus only)
Spring: April 1	Spring: January 25
Summer: July 1	Summer: June 1

Proof of residence requires evidence of *both* physical presence and intent to remain indefinitely in California established at least one year before the residence determination date. In addition, other rules and exceptions apply. Failure to provide requested information or complete all residence questions may result in a nonresident classification or denial of admission.

The rules and regulations that govern residency classification are subject to change, e.g., between the date of publication and the time that a residency classification decision is made. Applicants whose residency status for fee purposes may be uncertain are encouraged to check with the residency clerk for the campus(es) to which they are seeking information.

Nonresident tuition may be waived for certain nonresident students who have attended high school in California for at least three full years and have graduated from a California high school or received the equivalent. Students applying for the exemption should request from the campus Graduate Admission Office the "California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request" form, complete the document, and show proof of attendance and graduation from a California high school. Students without lawful immigration status also must declare on the request form with a CSU campus stating that they have filed an application with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to legalize their immigration status or that they will do so as soon as they are eligible to do so.

Resident Classification Appeal Process–If you disagree with a campus decision regarding your residence classification, your appeal must be received by the Office of General Counsel at the address below within 120 days of the final campus decision regarding your residence status. That office may make a decision on the issue or send the matter back to the campus for further review.

To file an appeal of residence classification, write to: The California State University, Office of General Counsel, 401 Golden Shore, 4th Floor, Long Beach, California 90802-4210.

If you have questions about the regulations that govern residence determination or your status under those regulations, refer to the summary of the regulations that appears in the campus catalogs, or consult a campus residence clerk.

Other Programs and Services

Children's Centers–Child care services are available for student parents at all campuses except California Maritime Academy and CSU Channel Islands. Contact the campus children's center for further information.

The Office of Services to Students with Disabilities Program– provides educational support services to help students with documented physical, perceptual, psychological, or learning disabilities. Services may include registration assistance, campus orientation, disabled person parking, note takers, readers, sign language interpreters, test-taking assistance, supplemental assessment of learning disability, real-time captioning, transcription, disability-related counseling, assistive technology, and referral information. For additional information, contact the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities at the CSU campus you are interested in attending.

International (Foreign) Students–The CSU campuses assist students with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations and advise them on the adjustments they should expect when living in a different culture.

Re-entry Students–Most CSU campuses provide admission assistance, personal counseling, and academic and career advising for persons returning to college after a long absence. Contact the campus re-entry office or the admission office, or check the campus catalog for additional information about these services.

Costs

Graduate students pay the required State University Fee of $4,962 per year ($2,880 for students taking 6 units or fewer) and miscellaneous campus fees. Students enrolled in teaching credential programs for a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Special Education credential pay $4,674 if they are taking more than 6 units and $2,712 if they are taking 6 or fewer units. Nonresident tuition for 2009-2010 is scheduled at $372 per semester unit (or $248 per quarter unit) in addition to the State University Fee and miscellaneous campus fees.

The total cost of attending a CSU campus will vary depending upon the academic program, place of residence, marital status, and location of the campus attended. The table that follows gives the estimated average expenses for a full-time California resident living away from home in the 2009-2010 academic year.

Transportation expenses may vary significantly depending upon the mode of transportation and the distance traveled.

Academic Year Expenses	
State University Fee	$4,962
Miscellaneous Fees	$978
Books and Supplies	$1,624
Meals and Housing	$10,752
Transportation	$1,226
Miscellaneous Personal	$2,614
Total Budget	$22,156

Please Note: Tuition and fees are subject to change by the Trustees of the California State University without advance notice.

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To apply online for admission to any of the 23 CSU campuses, please visit CSUMentor at **www.csumentor.edu**. CSUMentor is available free of charge, 24 hours, 7 days a week. For technical support, help is always available by calling (800) GO-TO-XAP or (800) 468-6927 or by e-mail at: support@CSUMentor.edu.

If you are completing your application online, your completed admission application will be forwarded automatically to the campus(es) of your choice.

If you are not able to use the CSU Web-based application, you may obtain an application by downloading a PDF file from the CSUMentor website. Instructions on how to download a PDF application and where to send it are also provided at www.csumentor.edu.

You may submit the completed PDF application to the admission office at the campus(es) where you want to apply.

To print a PDF version of the CSU application, go to: **www.csumentor.edu/Support/tech_support.asp#application**.