

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
2015-16 Student Expense Budgets

ALLOWANCE	WITH PARENTS	ON CAMPUS HOUSING	OFF CAMPUS HOUSING
TUITION AND FEES¹	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES		
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES²	\$1,764 PER ACADEMIC YEAR		
FOOD³ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 530 / MO \$ 4,770 / YR	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES	\$ 420 / MO \$ 3,780 / YR
HOUSING⁴ Per Month: Per Year:	INCLUDED IN ABOVE		\$ 910 / MO \$ 8,190 / YR
TRANSPORTATION⁵ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 125 / MO \$ 1,125 / YR	\$ 95 / MO \$ 855 / YR	\$ 141 / MO \$ 1,269 / YR
PERSONAL / MISC⁶ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 351 / MO \$ 3,159 / YR	\$ 258 / MO \$ 2,322 / YR	\$ 322 / MO \$ 2,898 / YR
CHILD / DEPENDENT CARE	REASONABLE EXPENSES WITH ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT, DEPENDING UPON AGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN		
LOAN FEES	FOR STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS, ACTUAL OR AVERAGE LOAN ORIGATION AND INSURANCE		
TOTAL , Excluding Allowances based on actual institutional charges Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 1,202 / MO \$ 10,818 / YR	\$ 549 / MO \$ 4,941 / YR	\$ 1,989 / MO \$ 17,901 / YR

¹ Includes all mandatory fees.

² The breakdown for this category is as follows: books (\$963), educational supplies (\$252), course material fees (\$144), and computer-related expenses (\$405), excluding the costs associated with the purchase of a personal computer.

³ Includes food, snacks, meals on campus, household supplies.

⁴ Includes dorm charges, rent, and utilities.

⁵ Includes travel to and from parent's residence and transportation costs to and from classes and work. (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking.)

⁶ Includes clothing, laundry and dry-cleaning, personal care, gifts, recreation, medical etc.

NOTE: The expense budgets shown on this table are based upon average expenses reported by students at the University of California, California State University, California independent institutions, and California Community Colleges in the 2006-07 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS), adjusted for nine years of inflation or deflation. Private career college data are from the 2003-04 SEARS, adjusted for 12 years of inflation or deflation.