UC’s tuition plan: What you should know

UC Regents are considering a new long-term stability plan for tuition and financial aid that's intended to keep costs as low and predictable as possible. Instead of waiting each year to see whether tuition will hold steady or climb, students and their families should know, up front, what the cost of a UC education will be and how much financial aid they can expect, so they can plan. Just as important, the state and the university need to steadily invest to maintain the academic excellence that has made UC the best public university system in the world.

The new plan proposes that tuition increase no more than 5 percent annually for five years. That means in-state tuition would rise by no more than $612 in 2015-16. The increase might be less than 5 percent – or eliminated – depending on the level of state support UC receives.

The long-term stability plan will enable UC to:

- Maintain the nation's best financial aid program, under which 55 percent of all California undergraduates pay no tuition
- Improve the student-faculty ratio
- Provide additional course offerings
- Increase student support, including student mental health services
- Boost graduation rates and decrease time to degree
- Enroll at least 5,000 more California students over five years

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Tuition volatility has hurt students, families and UC campuses

Most California undergrads have tuition and fees covered by grants and scholarships; the plan will sustain this robust aid

- 55% Fully covered
- 31% Not covered
- 14% Partly covered