

Educational Opportunity Program

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at San Francisco State University supports low-income, first-generation college students. EOP students receive ongoing advising, tutoring and workshops to help them succeed in their coursework and graduate.

Read on to learn more about EOP and its additional programs, who is eligible and how to apply.

More info: www.sfsu.edu/~eop



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Average hours of
tutoring EOP students
receive per month.





EOP at a Glance

Advising

Each EOP student works closely with an EOP advisor who assists them in achieving their academic and personal goals. Advisors help with class scheduling and selecting a major and lead workshops on various topics.

Tutoring

EOP students have access to personal tutors and group tutorial assistance in most general education classes and in lower- and upper-division major classes. Tutors help students prepare for exams, review papers, develop learning strategies and lead small study groups/workshops.

Scholarships

EOP students who meet eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply for scholarship opportunities that recognize their academic achievement and potential. Scholarships are available to incoming and current EOP undergraduates and former SF State/EOP students currently enrolled in a graduate program at SF State.

Mentor Program

The mission of the EOP Mentoring Program is to offer active and experiential learning opportunities through the positive impact of mentoring. The program increases EOP student achievement by engaging students with peers, faculty and staff. Innovative mentoring creates a student-centered learning experience for both the mentor and the mentee.



Additional EOP Programs

Students who have been admitted to EOP and who are eligible for additional programs will be invited to participate and asked to complete a separate program-specific application. Additional programs include:

Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge is an eight-week non-residential academic program that assists the transition from high school to university. Participants are introduced to an extensive educational support service network while fulfilling the Early Start program requirements.

Guardian Scholars Program

Through advocacy, support and empowerment, the SF State Guardian Scholars Program creates a vibrant community to encourage current and former foster youth to attain college degrees, stable housing and career path employment. EOP students can apply for this collaborative program that works with the School of Social Work to provide comprehensive support and clinical case management services.

Student Support Services - TRiO

EOP first-time freshmen can apply for a federal TRiO program designed to increase retention and graduation rates. Students selected for Student Support Services - TRiO must attend mandatory advising, tutorials and workshops. In addition, they receive priority registration.



EOP Admissions

EOP at SF State only admits fall applicants. Notification of admission to SF State and notification of admission to EOP are two separate steps. A student must first be admitted to SF State before their EOP file is reviewed. EOP begins notifying students of acceptance to the fall program in early spring and continues until space is no longer available. Students admitted to EOP will receive their notice by e-mail.

Who can apply

California residents and eligible AB 540 students who meet the income eligibility index and are first-generation college students can apply for EOP. However, due to space and resource limitations, not all eligible students will be selected for EOP. If you are an Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) student at a community college, you will not automatically be an EOP student at SF State and must apply for EOP. The community college system and EOP at the CSU system are two different programs.

When to apply

The EOP admissions cycle begins on October 1 and ends on March 31. Due to the volume of applications received, students are encouraged to complete the EOP application early in the cycle. Students must apply to EOP the same semester they apply to SF State. Students transferring from another CSU campus as a non-EOP student are ineligible for EOP.



After Applying

If additional information or corrections are needed on your application, you will be contacted by e-mail.

How to Apply

Online

► Fill out the CSU application for SF State. Go to www.csumentor.edu to apply online. Check “Yes” in the EOP section asking if you wish to apply for EOP. Fill out the necessary supplemental information.

► After submitting the SF State application for undergraduate admissions, complete the EOP application on-line at www.csumentor.edu

► You will be asked to provide the names and e-mail addresses of two teachers or counselors who can recommend you for EOP. They will be sent the recommendation questions by e-mail and can submit their answers online.

► Unless exempt, sign up for the earliest Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam and the English Placement Test (EPT). Contact the Testing Center at the CSU campus near you.

► Complete the FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> or, if eligible, the California Dream Act Application at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> by March 2.