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Did you know that in the UC system

48% of undergraduate students & 25% of graduate students

experience some level of food insecurity?

Source: 2015 UC Student Food Access and Security Survey
At UCLA, that’s ~15K students who are food insecure.

37% of undergraduate students* x 31,568 students = 11,680 undergraduate students

25% of graduate students x 12,960 students = 3,240 graduate students

Source: *2018 University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey, UCLA 2018-19 Enrollment Data
What is Calfresh?

California’s version of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) aka “food stamps”

Monthly cash supplement loaded onto a debit card to use for buying groceries

Eligible students receive up to $194/month for groceries
We have a large food-insecure population

= 2%

of eligible UCLA students have enrolled in CalFresh

Source: Data provided by LA County DPSS (2018)
Steps to Get CalFresh

1. Fill out online application
   - [getcalfresh.org/s/ucla](getcalfresh.org/s/ucla)

2. Submit verification documents
   - 1. Rent or Lease Agreement
   - 2. Social Security Number
   - 3. Passport / Birth Certificate / Driver’s License
   - 4. Financial Aid Award Letter showing Work Study or CalGrant approval (if applicable)
   - 5. Pay Stubs from the last 30 days (if working)
   - 6. Proof of job loss in last 30 days (if applicable)
   - 7. Class Schedule
   - 8. Proof of enrollment in employment exempt or training program

3. Have phone interview with LA County DPSS
   - currently waived due to COVID-19

Get approved within 30 days!
Eligibility

Meet all of these requirements

✓ Between 18 and 49 years old
✓ Attending school at least half time
✓ U.S. citizen, permanent resident, refugee, asylum seeker or victim of trafficking or domestic violence OR have children who are US citizens

AND one of the following...

❑ Approved for Cal Grant A or B (conditions apply), federal work-study, or other qualifying state or federally funded program
❑ Work more than 80hrs/month on average and make under $2082 for a one-person household
❑ Be in an exempted student employment or training program
These programs qualify as exempted student employment or training programs:

- JD Program (School of Law) - 959 students
- MD Program (DGSOM) - 701 students
- DDS (School of Dentistry) - 345 students
- MECN Program (School of Nursing) - 334 students

Source: Data provided by UCLA Graduate Division, Fall 2019 Enrollment
Note: Not all enrolled students may qualify for CalFresh benefits
We need to get more programs to qualify for exemption.

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This was the application for the MD program.

Not too bad, right?
Action Plan

~150
graduate programs

13
councils

1
team

Calfresh Team, GSA, Council Presidents

Identify which programs to prioritize

ASAP

Council Presidents

Seek volunteers to fill out applications for prioritized programs

End of Week 8

Calfresh Team, GSA, Council Presidents, Volunteers

Fill out applications independently or at a Zoom Writing Party

End of Week 10

Volunteers

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Timeline

Applications submitted to CalFresh Initiative at UCLA (calfresh@cpo.ucla.edu)

Applications sent to CA Dept of Social Services for review

CADSS approvals or rejects application

typically 1-2 months; could be longer given COVID-19 situation
We could make a great impact for students in Fall 2020 and beyond.

MBA Program School of Management: 700 students
PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering School of Engineering: 256 students
MSW School of Public Affairs: 165 students
PhD in English College of Letters & Science: 85 students

Source: Data provided by UCLA Graduate Division, Fall 2019 Enrollment
Thank you. Any questions?

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