Freshman

Applying for fall 2012?

California residents

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Admission by exception

Sometimes even the most creative, focused and intellectually passionate students aren't able to fulfill our admission requirements. Even these students have a chance to attend UC.

Some students are home-schooled and don't have transcripts. Others have life circumstances that have prevented them living up to their promise. The list is endless.

If you believe you have the ability and potential to succeed at UC, you may qualify for admission by exception.

How to request consideration

We encourage you to take two steps to help us understand your situation and why you think you should be accepted to UC:

- Explain your unique story in the personal statement portion of your application for admission.
- Contact the admissions office at the campus you wish to attend:

Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
Los Angeles
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz