



## **I. Purpose of This Document**

This document outlines the commitments and expectations of the Cal Poly Scholars community and financial aid award. While this is not a binding contract, failure to uphold these expectations **may** lead to additional interventions, or loss of program benefits.

## **II. About Cal Poly Scholars**

The Cal Poly Scholars program is aimed at recruiting and retaining high achieving students from California Partner High Schools. The scholarship program provides annual scholarship funds, workshops and advising, and a living-learning community residence experience. Scholars receive an Apple technology package to support their 21st century learning. As a university-wide program, the Cal Poly Scholars program brings together a network of services from Admissions, Housing, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Student Academic Services, the Mustang Success Center, and the participating academic colleges.

## **III. Cal Poly Scholars Program Model**

The Cal Poly Scholars Program is divided to meet the unique needs of students at different points in their academic studies.

### **YEAR 1 & 2**

- Programs and advising are led by the Cal Poly Scholars Coordinator and the Mustang Success Center advisors, who provide advising and workshops designed for Scholars.
- Workshops and services focus on building skills for college success, such as course registration, financial aid, study skills, transfer credit, and identifying campus resources.
- Scholars build a community and engagement through the living-learning community and on-campus housing.

### **YEAR 3 & 4**

- Advising and services are led by the academic advisors in the student's college and major, who help students navigate through their curriculum and identify resources on campus to meet their needs.
- The academic colleges may offer additional programming that focuses on career and industry experiences, such as workshops, networking, site-visits, and Learn by Doing opportunities.
- Scholars continue to participate in the program through social events, mentorship to newer scholars, and participation in outreach and recruitment efforts.

### **BEYOND YEAR 4**

- All students who join and participate in the CP Scholars community will continue to receive program services, advising, and access to events for as long as they are enrolled at Cal Poly, until graduation.
- The maximum limit of a student's Financial Aid funding is unique depending on the donor and funding source of each Cal Poly Scholar award. Students should contact the CP Scholars Coordinator, or the Office of Financial Aid, to learn whether funding is available beyond 4 years (or 12 terms) of enrollment.



## IV. 2016-17 Expectations for Year 1 & Year 2 Scholars

### Academic Achievement

- Maintain 'Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)' and Financial Aid eligibility. SAP guidelines can be found on the Office of Financial Aid website at <http://finaid.calpoly.edu>.
- Scholars are encouraged to set a personal goal of 2.75 GPA. Students are expected to reach out to advisors and coordinators for resources and academic support.
- Scholars on AP/DQ (Academic Probation) will have additional advising and participation requirements from the University and their academic colleges.

### Living-Learning Community

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Year 1</b> During the first year of enrollment, CP Scholars live in the assigned CP Scholars living-learning community. | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Year 2</b> During the second year of enrollment, CP Scholars live in University Housing, with freedom to choose any second year housing facility. |
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### Program Participation

- Attend **at least** 4 approved CP Scholars Community events. Scholars are strongly encouraged to attend at least one workshop in the living-learning community.

*Events calendars will be emailed to all Scholars each quarter, with additional opportunities being shared via email as they emerge.*

### Advising

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Year 1</b> Scholars visit the Mustang Success Center for 1:1 CP Scholars Advising <b>at least</b> four times during the academic year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ During Week of Welcome</li><li>○ During Registration for Winter Term</li><li>○ During Winter Term</li><li>○ During Spring Term</li></ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Year 2</b> Scholars attend 1:1 Advising <b>at least</b> two times during the academic year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Visit Mustang Success Center for CP Scholars advising during Fall term</li><li>○ Visit your college advising center for a degree progress check during Winter or Spring term.</li></ul> |
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### Personal Responsibility and Conduct

- CP Scholars follow all university policies and expectations. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - The tenants and expectations of the Mustang Way
  - University Housing Community Standards (found online in the Student Handbook)
  - Office of Financial Aid policies and eligibility requirements (i.e. completing FAFSA paperwork by **March 2**, in order to be eligible for scholarship renewal)
  - Additional policies or procedures outlined by the respective academic Colleges

***My signature affirms that I have received, and had the opportunity to review, these expectations.***

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Printed Name

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CP Scholars Student Signature