



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM



OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students through a broad range of high-quality programs and services that promote access and equity, transition, and educational opportunities in support of student learning and success; thus, empowering them to become educated and engaged citizens who go on to lead productive and meaningful lives.



OUR HISTORY

EOP emerged from the Civil Rights movement, established in 1969, as a response to the call for access and equity in higher education. As a result of this hard-fought student-led campaign, there is an EOP at every California State University campus to provide support services for its students. At Cal Poly Pomona, EOP continues to operate today as the University's first and most comprehensive postsecondary access and equity program. EOP serves historically low-income California residents who demonstrate the motivation and potential to succeed in college.



EQUITY & ACCESS

We promote EQUITY by providing students with a range of services throughout their enrollment if they maintain full-time status, make satisfactory academic progress, and fulfill program requirements. Although 99% of EOP students entering Cal Poly Pomona meet the University's regular admission requirements, we provide ACCESS for a limited number of first-time freshmen who do not qualify.



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APPLICATION & SERVICES

Who May Apply to EOP?

Undergraduate students who are:

- Eligible based on EOP Income Guidelines
- California residents (in-state tuition status)
- First-time applicant to the CSU System
- First-generation: neither of your natural/adoptive parents received a four-year college degree
- All majors are welcome to apply

"EOP offers the resources that are essential for students to succeed. It offers you a helping hand as long as you are willing to take its grasps"

—German Lagunas-Sociology Robles,

"EOP to me is a head start in life. I've learned many skills that essentially help me throughout my career. I don't know where I would be without the tutoring and advisors. EOP is a great program that is only there to help others!"

—Carla Vance, Business Administration-MHR

PROUD TO BE
EOP

SUMMER/TRANSFER BRIDGE

First-year college and transfer EOP students may participate in Summer Bridge or Transfer Bridge. This award-winning program offers academic and support services, workshops, and seminars which build academic skills needed to be successful at Cal Poly Pomona. The program provides a unique opportunity to become acquainted with campus departments and resources, develop friendships, and experience campus life before officially beginning as a Bronco.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

EOP students may be eligible to receive an EOP Grant based on the Student Aid Index (SAI). EOP grants will be awarded to eligible students pending availability of EOP funds. We encourage all students to apply for other grant and scholarship opportunities.

EOP LOUNGE

A dedicated space is available for all EOP students providing a quiet area for focused study within our department.

ENGAGEMENT

In collaboration with the EOP Student Union, fun events are offered throughout the year, along with college success seminars to foster community.

EOP LEARNING CENTER

EOP students have unlimited access to EOP Tutorial, the official learning center of EOP. Students partner with EOP Learning Strategists in-person or virtually to go over course content, assignments and essays, and learn the skills and strategies for success in any course.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

A team of knowledgeable, caring professional academic advisors provide supplemental advisement and success coaching to EOP students. Our advisors use a holistic approach to guide students in the transition to and through the University to achieve their educational and career goals.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Complete the Cal State Apply application between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30. Check "yes" to all three sections of the question, "Do you wish to apply to the Educational Opportunity Program?"
- 2 Submit the EOP application portion by Jan. 15, it is part of the Supplemental Information tile of your Cal State Apply application.
- 3 Students must request and confirm via Cal State Apply that two online recommendation forms have been completed by your recommenders by Jan. 31
- 4 Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application by April 2 (Available in December)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

NOV
30

CSU
Application

JAN
15

EOP
Application

JAN
31

Online
Recommendation
Forms

APR
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FAFSA or CA
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