SPONSORED TUITION AT UC BERKELEY EXTENSION
COMPLIMENTARY UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSES FOR ELIGIBLE UC BERKELEY STAFF EMPLOYEES

During fiscal year 2020, UC Berkeley Learning & Development, in cooperation with UC Berkeley Extension (Extension), is providing free tuition for eligible employees for one course from selected Extension courses.

Sponsored Tuition Program Description:
At UC Berkeley, workforce learning and development is a joint, on-going effort on the part of employees, supervisors, and the campus. Employees should discuss available UC Berkeley Extension courses with their supervisors to determine which courses can develop skills for current or future job duties and are a good fit with development plans and career goals. Employees must plan and receive supervisor approval for leave arrangements if they want to attend a course during working hours.

*Note: Ongoing, self-paced online courses are not eligible for prepayment of tuition.*

Prior to enrollment, the employee must:
- Satisfy eligibility requirements (listed below)
- Obtain the support and signature of his/her supervisor to attend the course
- Sign a waiver allowing information to be given to UC Berkeley about enrollment and course completion

Eligible employees may receive sponsored tuition for one (1) approved course per fiscal year (7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020). Employees are responsible for incidental expenses such as books and lab fees.

**Failure to complete a course will cause you to become ineligible to take future courses offered through this Sponsored Tuition program.**

Eligibility Requirements:
UC Berkeley staff employees must be in an eligible personnel program or participating bargaining unit. Beginning in FY 2016, sponsored tuition has been aligned with STAR eligibility criteria. Employees who are eligible for the Staff Appreciation and Recognition (STAR) program are eligible for the sponsored tuition program, if they meet all of the following criteria:
1. Those eligible are a:
   a. PPSM (PSS or MSP) employee, or
   b. Teamsters (CX) employee
2. Have successfully completed their probationary period, if applicable
3. Career staff employee (appointments 2 and 7) or Contract staff employee (appointment 1)
4. Received a “meets expectations” or better overall rating on their most recent annual performance evaluation
5. Employee must be on pay status at the time of enrollment
To Enroll in Eligible Classroom Based and Online Fixed-Date Courses:

1. Visit [extension.berkeley.edu](http://extension.berkeley.edu) to create your student account.
   a. Please include your campus email address as your preferred email address.
   b. You will need your Extension student id number (starts with an “X”) to enroll.
   c. Download and complete the Sponsored Tuition Enrollment Form that is available at the UC Learning Center – [Search for Sponsored Tuition from the Find a Course Button](http://extension.berkeley.edu).
2. Select a course from the [list of approved courses](http://extension.berkeley.edu).
3. Meet with your supervisor to discuss professional development and have your supervisor sign the enrollment form.
4. Scan and email the signed enrollment form to [extension@berkeley.edu](mailto:extension@berkeley.edu).
5. UC Berkeley Extension will verify that you are eligible for the Sponsored Tuition program and will notify you of successful enrollment within a couple days.

**Responsibilities**

**Staff employees receiving sponsored tuition are responsible for:**

- Abiding by all UC Berkeley Extension policies.
- Satisfying eligibility requirements and completing the enrollment process.
- Discussing courses with their supervisors to determine how the course:
  - supports the employee’s professional development
  - relates to current or future job responsibilities.
- Getting approval from supervisors for course enrollment and resolution of any work schedule conflicts.
- Obtaining the support and signature of their supervisors to attend the course.
- Sponsored enrollments will be subject to the same [enrollment deadlines](http://extension.berkeley.edu) as all other students.
  - Withdrawal after the drop deadline may jeopardize future participation in the program.
  - To drop or withdraw, please contact UC Berkeley Extension at extension@berkeley.edu.
- Successfully passing L&D-sponsored courses with a credit letter grade of “C-” or better, a grade of pass “P” or continuing education units “CEU”.
  - All "I" grades (incompletes) must be completed within the timelines as agreed upon with the instructor before an employee can request to enroll into another L&D-sponsored course.
  - Employees will become ineligible to take future courses sponsored through the L&D Sponsored Tuition program for any of the following circumstances:
    - Completing a course with a grade of “D”, “F”, “NP” or “W”.
    - Requesting a not for credit “NC” grading option.
    - Failure to complete the coursework within the timelines as agreed upon with the instructor in order to resolve an “I” grade (incomplete).

**UC Berkeley Learning & Development will:**

- Pay tuition fees at time of enrollment for approved classroom based and online fixed-date courses.
- Track employee enrollment and completion in the UC Learning Center.
- Communicate directly with the employee should any issues arise regarding enrollment, completion, or future participation in the program.
For more information, visit the UC Learning Center

- Go to Blu at blu.berkeley.edu and authenticate using your CalNet ID.
- In Blu, select UC Learning Center from SELF SERVICE.
- From the landing page, hit the Find a Course box and search for Sponsored Tuition.
- Click on the document and select START.

For information and questions, contact UC Berkeley Learning & Development at GROW@berkeley.edu or UC Berkeley Extension at extension@berkeley.edu.