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Hi, will these slides be available for viewing later?	The slides are being recorded along with the audio from this presentation. Both will be available on the Highlander Day website next week.
I was wondering what the link was to apply for institutional scholarships?	financialaid.ucr.edu
I know that these webinars are considered entries. If we are signed up under our parent's name, will we still receive an entry?	You will need to sign up under your name. When a winner is chosen we will be verifying that they are an admitted student. If you can email me your name I will make sure your entry for this webinar gets counted: jennifer.christiansen@ucr.edu
Do out of states students receive aid from UCR? I only saw loans offered.	No, they are not eligible for UCR.
If we SIR to UCR, and we got accepted into waitlist at a different school, how can one unsubmit it, and will you get a refund for the \$250 payment?	Unfortunately the deposit in non-refundable. To cancel your SIR you will do so under your profile in your MyUCR account - there will be an option to cancel.

You said you recommended an outside scholarship website to people. Can you repeat what it is again?	<u>fastweb.com</u>
Can you please explain the Financial aid Award page again?	You can view this presentation here if you missed a portion of it: <u>finaid.ucr.edu/resources/guides-</u> <u>forms-appeals</u>
If you are applying for a private loan around when do you apply/start the process?	[live answered]
Can we speak to a financial aid person to review the award personally for my award offer?	Yes, please email us at <u>finaid@ucr.edu</u> .
If I wait to submit my SIR, will that lower my financial offer? For instance, if I submit my SIR now, I would get more money than if I submit my SIR later?	This will not affect your financial aid award.
If I have money left over money in my aid, would that money be given to me?	If your total financial aid (grants plus loans) exceeds your balance, you will be issued a refund.

Where do we contact if we want to make revisions about our living situations ?	You can make a revision after receiving your official award in early June.
How would you know when you received a grant or merit scholarship?	If you received a grant it will be listed on your financial aid award. Students that received scholarships have already been notified. However, if there is another one that you qualify for you will be notified.
Does the amount of financial aid received decrease when we change our housing status from camping housing to with parents?	Yes, it will be adjusted accordingly.
I haven't received my award letter either, but how long should I wait until contacting someone about it?	Please email us at <u>finaid@ucr.edu</u> .
How can we get a job on the campus?	You will need to contact the Career Center at <u>careers@ucr.edu</u> .
Is everybody eligible to receive 5500 federal aid @ 2.75?	If you're an incoming freshmen, you are eligible for 3500 subsidized and 2000 unsubsidized stafford loans at 2.75%

For work-study does it have to be a job at UCR or can it be any job from anywhere?	It can be an on campus or an off campus work-study eligible job.
Which jobs are available on campus? How many hours can students work on campus?	You will need to contact the Career Center at <u>careers@ucr.edu</u> .
Would you have to be awarded work-study in order	Can you please resubmit your complete question.
My child is finishing sophomore year I have no idea when they actually apply is it jr year end or beginning sr year?	Senior year is fine. You just want to make sure they apply by the priority deadline of March 2.
Where do we contact if we want to make revisions about our living situation?	You can make revisions under your R'Web portal once you receive your official award in early June
How or where do I check to see how much financial aid I may be receiving?	You should have already received your preliminary award if you applied for financial aid. Please check your student portal.

Do most students have to supply additional documents for financial aid?	It's possible. Please check your student portal.
Are there any paid internship opportunities on campus?	You will need to contact the Career Center at <u>careers.ucr.edu</u> .
What is the SNAP program? And how does it connect to financial aid?	SNAP is Cal Fresh benefits, formerly called food stamps. A student can be eligible if they qualify for work study and/or have Cal Grant.
Is everyone who submits FAFSA eligible for Work Study?	No, not everyone is eligible. A student must have enough Financial Aid "need."
I was told I am under verification and already submitted my SIR; however, I haven't received the documents yet. By when should I have the documents?	You should hear from us from the SIR deadline about a week or two after. And we'll tell you exactly what you'll need to submit. But it will be tax information (like a tax return and W2s) and a UCR form.
Will there be notifications of more financial awards and grants in the future for the fall 2021?	Yes. Because the award you have right now is just considered an estimated offer. After the SIR deadline, we will send official financial aid offers. If you're selected for verification, then you'll be asked to submit documents before you get your official offer.

How do we apply for student loans?	Your financial aid offer will have loans — any federal loans. Sometimes a subsidized loan and other time an unsubsidized loan.
When is orientation day?	Please review their site: <u>orientation.ucr.edu</u>
if you receive outside scholarship awards, do you have to notify the university or state?	Do you mean aid? If you receive outside scholarships, you will want to get those mailed to our University (the Cashier's office) so that we can process it.
Will holds like immunizations impact how much aid we get or when we get it?	Please contact the Health department at <u>health@ucr.edu</u> .
If I submitted my SIR and payed. Can I get a waiver for the SIR or is it too late?	Check with the Admissions Office: admissions.ucr.edu/ask
If I shift my application from an out-state to an in- state application, how will this affect my admission and my financial aid?	You cannot shift your application from out-of-state to in-state. That is something that gets considered with the Registrar's Office. You may email them directly at <u>reghelpdesk@ucr.edu</u> .

Can a dreamer accept the ucr grant?	Yes, Dreamers can accept the UCR Grant.
Is there additional monies for declining the insurance if we have own personal insurance?	No. The USHIP Fee Grant is only used for the school's health insurance expenses. If you waive out, the grant will be canceled.
How can I apply for the Merit Scholarship?	All students are automatically considered for a merit scholarship and those awards have all been announced.
I'm still not clear about direct aid from UCR to out of state students. I heard several for California residents?	Out-of-state students are only eligible for federal loans.
when should i start applying for the various loan options available ?	What until July 2021.
I have a USHIP fee grant, but I already have a health insurance through my parents. Can the USHIP fee grant be used for something else instead?	You may apply for a health insurance waiver with the Student Health Office directly, later in the summer 2021.

When do I reapply for FAFSA every year?	You do need to reapply for FAFSA every year. The priority time frame is between October 1 and March 2 each year.
what does merit based mean	Merit-based means on factors related to academic rigor. For example, things like GPA, AP courses, etc.
will there be more financial aid awards and grants offered?	If you can see a preliminary financial aid award, and if not later selected for a process called verification, the award you see may be all that you are offered. We will know more in July 2021.
If I choose to work over the summer or in the fall, will it impact my financial aid for 2021-2022?	It will not. Your financial aid for 2021-2022 is based on information from the 2019 year, not current information.
Is there an office open at UCR to walk in for financial aid questions?	Not at this time. If you need assistance please email us at <u>finaid@ucr.edu</u> .
Alex Sato (You) 03:23 PM Can we pay the interest on unsubsidized loans to keep it from being capitalized into the principal?	You certainly can! You can look up your loan servicer and coordinate with them to make payments.

Does the Cal Grant A cover all tuition?	The full amount of the Cal Grant A covers all of UC system-wide tuition and fees, which is the tuition and fees charged at each UC. Each UC campus has their own specific fees, however.
For direct deposit do we need to have a bank account ?	Yes.
Do we need an interview if we eligible for the Work-Study?	Yes, in order to obtain employment through Work-Study, you will need to go through a job hiring processes that is like a regular job. This can include an interview depending on the employer.
Where do you sign for direct deposit?	You sign up through R'Web, under the Student Account icon/portal.
Could I view my award letter in my student portal or will I have to wait for it to arrive in the mail?	You can review it on your student portal.
What is direct deposit?	It's a way of getting funds electronically sent to your bank account. If you qualify for a direct deposit it's likely coming from financial aid; meaning that you have more than enough aid to cover charges and now you are due a refund.

My cost of attendance is \$36,978 and my EFC is \$31,162 making my initial need \$5,816. Can I take loans out for the \$31K because I'm not so sure that I can pay 31k as of right now. Also, what is the entrance counseling?	For questions specific to you, please email us at <u>finaid@ucr.edu</u> .
How to sign up for direct deposit?	This would be done through your Student Account portal in R'Web once it becomes available to you. You will need your bank account information.
How can we sign up for direct direction? When you have the leftover money?	You can sign up on your Student Account Online.
What is the UCR grant on my award package? Can you explain it?	The UCR Grant is a type of gift-aid that does not need to be paid back. It is an institutional type of fund, meaning it comes from the school based on your financial need.
If I change from living with my parents to on campus, will my financial aid change, or is it too late to change that?	Yes, it will change. It costs more to live On-Campus versus living At Home with Parents.
If I changed my mind about living on campus where would I need to go so that they can change my financial aid award?	In your Financial Aid portal on R'Web, after you SIR there will be a section called Resources and Additional Information. There, you can update your housing status.

Should we sign up for direct deposit if we have been admitted and submitted SIR?	Yes, you can sign up on your Student Account Online.
When do we accept the loans?	Once you get your official financial aid offer. Then you'll have a way to "accept" or "decline" them.
How can I check the prices for housing/dorm? On the webpage? They all seem to be the same.	If you are not finding the information you need for housing, you will want to contact them directly at <u>housinginfo@ucr.edu</u> or 951-827-6350.
What is the USHIP grant?	The USHIP Fee Grant is a grant used to pay for the cost of the school's health insurance. If you waive out of the health insurance, the grant will be cancelled.
If our financial situation has changed from before and we now qualify for more aid, is there any way we can get more aid?	You may email us about a Change of Income at <u>finaid@ucr.edu</u> .
Are loans going directly to the school or our direct deposit?	Any loans accepted will go first to the school and anything left over after charges can be Direct Deposited.

Do I have to SIR to see my preliminary award on my student portal?	No, preliminary financial aid awards for 2021-22 have been available the last few weeks.
I work right now 40hrs would it affect my work study? Or it doesn't count since I'm not in school yet ?	It will not affect your eligibility for Work-Study. Your eligibility for Work-Study was based on your 2021-2022 financial aid application, which uses 2019 information.
UC Davis offered me Blue and Gold. Does this mean I also have it at other UCs I got accepted to?	If you have a Cal Grant or UCR Grant that equates to at least \$12,570 then you are covered under Blue & Gold.
Even with my AP courses, GPA, leadership, and extracurriculars, what factors made me not eligible for the Merit scholarship?	The scholarships are determined by all of the information from the Admissions applications. These merit scholarships are very competitive. We can share a link from the Admissions website and this provides the different types of academic information that is considered when the school determines scholarship recipients: <u>admissions.ucr.edu/freshman#comprehensive_review</u>
Just making sure. I need to fill out the FAFSA before March 2nd every year right?	That is correct!
If I choose to house, do I need to choose a meal plan? What if I don't want to eat on campus?	This would depend on your choice in housing. For more information, you will need to contact the Housing Department at 951-827-6350 or at <u>housinginfo@ucr.edu</u> .

How do we apply for UCR loans if not eligible for any government financial aid?	If you fill out the Dream Act Application and you have high financial need, then you may be eligible for the Dream loan. Otherwise some undocumented students may also apply for private student loans with a co-signer who is a US citizen.
May you please explain the benefits of work-study, again?	financialaid.ucr.edu/types-of-financial-aid/work-study
Oh so mean you have to accept the UCR insurance to be eligible for the UCR Grant? And the Preliminary UCR Grant is also just an estimate and can change?	Not the UCR Grant, but the USHIP Fee Grant if you were eligible. The preliminary UCR Grant is based on your information from your 2021-2022 financial aid application. If that is correct and your housing status does not change, it should remain the same. It will only change if one of the items related to your need changes.
When does the fall 2021 school year begin?	September.
To accept the Cal Grant, is there anywhere else we have to accept it besides our award offer in R' Web?	Just in R'Web.
What is the difference between a subsidized and unsubsidized loan?	The government pays the interest on your subsidized loan while in school and your unsubsidized loan loan the interest accrues while you're in school.

Does working 40 hours affect work study, I work that now. Do I need to cut down to make sure I get work study?	Only certain on campus and off campus jobs (like at non profits or local public schools) are considered work study positions. These are jobs that start at minimum wage. You may consider keeping the job you have now. But call our office so we can understand your question better 951-827-3878
If we are not eligible for the work study program does it mean we cannot work on campus?	You can still work on campus. You just need to review the online job board to see which jobs are posted that don't require a student have work study.
If we change our housing status the financial aid will change so should we wait to receive the award?	If you change your housing status, your financial aid award is subject to change. You will have access in the future to a revision to update your housing status so we can re-award you.
Do I need to pay to take UC Riverside's writing exam?	Please contact the Admissions dept and they can answer your questions at <u>admissions.ucr.edu/ask.</u>
Can the federal student loans be applied using the student's name or through parent's name?	There are some loans available to students and one for Parents. The student loans are called the subsidized and unsubsidized loans and the parent one is called the Parent PLUS loan.
Can you explain subsidized and unsubsidized loan how interest works?	Interest accrues on unsubsidized loan while in school and the government pays the interest on subsidized while in school plus 6 months after last day of attendance.

Do you have to apply for the UCR grant, or is it automatically awarded?	We will award it to you if you qualify for it, but we use your financial aid application to make that determination.
Can the financial aid offer change from now till June 1?	The offer you have right now is only an estimated offer. We will send out official offers to students who SIR. If you're asked to submit other documentation, then once you submit that and we process it, then you'll get your official offer. So if information changes due to the documentation we collect, then yes your offer could change.
What exactly is direct deposit?	It is a process where you logon and provide your bank account to the Student Business Services Office so that they can give you any refund monies owed and deposit it directly into your bank account. It is the preferred method to receive any monies owed to you.
When do I get my official financial aid offer?	Early June after your SIR.
What if I already have health insurance under my parents and have been offered the USHIP fee grant, what does this mean? Do I need to indicate somewhere that I already have health insurance? Will this grant be rescinded before fall or will I be	The grant won't actually pay out if you have chosen to waive out from the University health insurance. So you can waive out and not be charged that amount and then by default also not be eligible for the grant.
What is the date that we can begin to accept awards?	You will not be able to accept or decline your awards until early June.

What is the statement of legal residence for?	It is used to determine your residency status for tuition purposes. If you have further questions about it, you will want to contact the Office of the Registrar at <u>reshelp@ucr.edu</u> .
Are freshmen mandated to stay in the dorms?	No.
What is the deadline to accept financial award?	You will not be able to accept or decline your award until early June.
Are the Residence Halls the only living space available for incoming freshmen?	You will want to inquire about this with the Housing Department at <u>housinginfo@ucr.edu</u> or at 951-827-6350.
Which Work-Study can we have? Is it on-Campus or Off-Campus?	Go to <u>careers.ucr.edu</u> and log in to Handshake to review the available work-study on- and off-campus positions available.
Can I sign up for the Work Study at a later time or do I need to before I attend UCR?	You may start applying for a job when the fall quarter 2021 begins, or later with winter or spring quarters 2022 begin in January 2022 or April 2022.

What do we do in a situation where loans aren't enough to pay for school? Does that other money need to come out of pocket?	If the loans aren't enough, you can look for additional private student loans. But if you're offered the Parent PLUS loan, that at times is enough to cover the full cost of attendance as long as you have good credit (as that Parent PLUS loan is based on credit). If not, you can also sign up for a payment plan with our Student Business Services Office. This will split up the tuition (not housing payment) and fees cost into 3 payments but there's only a certain time in which you can sign up. You'll want to look at
Is it required to dorm as a incoming freshmen? Can I live with a family member who lives near UCR?	You are not required to dorm as a freshman, you can live off campus.
Do payments need to be made to take UCR's writing exam?	Unfortunately, our office would not be able to assist you with this question. Please take a look at this website for assistance: <u>uwp.ucr.edu/elwr</u>
I submitted my FAFSA in October but had to make corrected to add Riverside onto it recently. I don't believe I can see my preliminary award on my student portal, should I call the school directly to see what I can do?	If you have just recently added our school code onto your FAFSA, we may not have received it yet. Once we do, it can take around 9-11 business days in order to produce a preliminary award. You can give us a call at 951-827-3878 in order to check if we have received it.
Is there any guidelines about living on campus in regards to the pandemic?	Please contact Housing Services at <u>housinginfo@ucr.edu</u> .
In what intervals does the yearly tuitions need to be paid?	Fall quarter fees due 09/15/2021, winter quarter fees due Dec. 15, 2021, and spring quarter fees due March 15, 2022.

For the on-campus apartments are those for undergraduates as well or or just the graduates?	You will want to inquire with the Housing Department for your question at <u>housinginfo@ucr.edu</u> or 951-827-6350.
If we accept work study do we have to work for the first quarter?	You would want to use it by Spring or your will lose it the following year.
Will financial aid kick in before school starts so we can pay the first quarter of tuition/first month of housing?	Yes.
Also if you have applied for scholarships and you are granted those, this should not affect the UCR Grant?	This typically does not affect the UCR Grant. It will start to affect your loans first in the case you are receiving financial aid all the way up to your cost of attendance.
If we eligible for a Cal Grant, can we eligible for Blue and Gold also?	Typically, you would see at least \$12,570 (the amount of system-wide tuition and fees) covered through gift aid. It will not be labeled as the Blue and Gold, it will be through a combination of gift aid.
To receive the scholarships that we applied for in the UC application, is our financial status taken into account?	If you are referring to the Merit Scholarships, here is the criteria taken into consideration: <u>admissions.</u> <u>ucr.edu/blog/2020/10/15/ucr-test-free-fall-2021</u>

Do Ineed to apply for federal student loans every year?	Yes, you will do your FAFSA every year.
Regarding my previous question, "if you receive outside scholarship aware, do you have to notify the university or state?", if I received a scholarship award from private companies like SMUD, Burger King, etc or any scholarship from my high school, do	Thank you for clarifying! Yes any scholarships from private companies must be sent to the University, more specifically the Cashiers office. If you are sending the Financial Aid Office your outside scholarship check, please ensure that the scholarship check has the Student Identification number (SID) located on the check, the student's name, and made payable to REGENTS UC.
How much is UCR's health insurance?	It is estimated to be \$1895 for the 2021-22 academic year. We will know more in July 2021.
When will FAFSA reveal rewards and grants?	Students that have already submitted their FAFSA applications over to us have started receiving their preliminary awards. If you have not received an award as of yet, double check that you added our school code 001316 to your FAFSA. If so, check in with us at 951-827-3878 to see if we've received it. If we've recently received it, it can take around 9-11 business days to produce an award.
Would my financial aid be affected if I choose to dorm it by myself? Are freshmen able to dorm it singular?	Your financial aid is affected more so by what housing status you choose overall, on campus, residence halls, off campus or with parents. You will want to contact Housing at <u>housinginfo@ucr.edu</u> or 951-827-6350 to see if you can dorm alone.
If you are live in California, do you need to complete the SLR?	Yes!

Is there financial aid for Autism?	There may be some outside scholarship opportunities for Autism. You can check sites like <u>fastweb.com</u> .
For my Chaffee is says incomplete as of right now but I did everything that was needed to be done, do I just wait for it to change or it's maybe because I'm not eligible (I was previously in foster)	Check with the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).
Can we pay for the loans even before we finish college, like slowly pay it off while in school?	Sure you can!
Even with my AP courses, GPA, leadership, and extracurriculars, what factors made me not eligible for the Merit scholarship?	Here are the factors taken into consideration in the admissions process to qualify students for merit scholarships: <u>https://admissions.ucr.edu/blog/2020/10/15/ucr-test-free-fall-2021</u>
When will the zoom recordings be uploaded?	You can view this presentation again at <u>finaid.ucr.edu/resources/guides-forms-appeals.</u>
Does getting SIR waved depending on income?	Unfortunately, this is not something we work with in our office. You may want to refer to Undergraduate Admissions for your question.

Is there a deadline to apply for loans?	The sooner the better. Plan to apply by August 1, 2021.
UCR Financial aid website talks about UCR Loan up to 5k regardless of income how do I apply for it	The UCR Loan is on a case to case basis after the consideration of current loans you may qualify for. This typically occurs during the actual school year.
Do we get Cal Grants every year or is it just for freshman?	Students can qualify for a Cal Grant for up to four years if you start as a freshman or two if you are a transfer. You must qualify each year, however.
If my Cal Grant covers my tuition & fees, can I use federal direct loan to pay for room and board? and, will my parents need to apply for loans?	Cal Grant only covers educational tuition, and not campus fees, of \$12,570. Yes you may use federal loans to cover the remainder of your fees and housing. Most likely your parent will need to apply for a loan too.
If we decide to live on campus our freshmen year, does FAFSA usually cover the overall cost or does most have to be paid from our own pocket?	Your housing status will be factored into your aid award so please make sure your housing status is correct. If it isn't, it can be updated after receiving your official award in early June.
Do freshmen have the choice to stay in apartments instead of dorms?	You will want to contact the Housing Department at <u>housinginfo@ucr.edu</u> or 951-827-6350 for your question.

And I assume same will be true in case we will be eligible for Middle Class Scholarship? Or will this affect the UCR Grant?	If you receive a Middle Class Scholarship, you will most likely not be receiving a UCR Grant.
If I took dual enrollment for precal, do I have to take the MAE?	Please contact the Admissions Office: <u>admissions.ucr.edu/ask</u>
If I do not accept the work-study that was offered will this mean I will not be offered it again the following year?	Usually, yes. You must use it in order to be eligible for it the next year.
So we only need to pay the tuition? The rest of the fees will be billed to us like housing?	No, you must pay everything charged to your UCR account. So if you have both tuition/fees and housing charges, you must pay everything.
So if we get health insurance through the school would the grant essential pay it all off then?	If you receive the USHIP Fee Grant in the amount of \$1859, it will pay the entire cost of the school's health insurance.
Does receiving SIR wavers depend on income?	Yes, but check with Admissions.

What is the USHIP Fee Grant?	If you have USHIP on your Financial Aid award- that is grant funds to cover the health insurance. If you waive out of the health insurance - you will lose the USHIP grant.
When should I start applying for loans?	By Aug. 1, 2021.
If we had received an estimate for on-campus housing and we decide to change it to live off campus or with parents, will the financial aid be reduced or will it be the same?	Typically, financial aid does reduce, but this is in proportion to your costs. You are awarded less, but you are also not having the cost of living on campus.
What is the SLR?	The SLR is the Statement of Legal Residence. Please inquire with the Office of the Registrar about this requirement at <u>reshelp@ucr.edu</u> .
Will I receive for financial aid if I dorm it by myself and do I just email the housing email you listed? And state that I want to dorm it by myself ?	There is a standard budget for students who living On-Campus. You sign up for housing with the UCR Housing Office.
What is the exact day school starts in september?	Please take a look at UCR's Academic Calendar for this information: <u>registrar.ucr.edu/calendar</u>

Can I use financial aid money for summer school at another institution like community college or an unpaid summer internship at another UC or other 4-year college?	Whatever school you attend, you apply for financial aid at that school. However, if you attend another school and receive federal aid there, it can impact the amount of federal aid you later receive at UCR if you attend UCR later that same year (i.e. you attend a community college in summer 2021 and then attend UCR in fall 2021). You might lose out on aid at UCR in fall 2021 because you used up your eligibility by receiving aid at the community college in summer 2021.
Because the Middle Class Scholarship is automatically given to you and is definitely lower than the UCR Grant, how do we control that and not accept this?	You are not able to control the amount of the Middle Class Scholarship. There are times where you can qualify for both. However, if you only qualify for the MCS, you cannot decline it to receive UCR Grant.
When a scholarship says varies is the amount usually on the lower end or middle?	It definitely depends on what scholarship you are referring to and your specific student situation.
Are only those who applied to the FAFSA eligible for the work study program?	Yes, you would have needed to apply for financial aid.
How much would parking be if we are commuting?	Please visit the Parking website <u>transportation.ucr.edu</u> .
Which public transportation does the school offer if we live on-campus and don't have the car?	You may seek out public transportation, like the city bus (RTA).

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