



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES  
RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN  
FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

RAP-6

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT  
(Applicable To All Funds)

Division: Academic Affairs - Non College

Dept ID: 200120

Department: Honors College

Fund Code: TFA81

Prepared By: Alison McCurdy

Program Code: 20135

Budget: \$ 300,000 Expenditure: \$ 220,030

Project ID: [REDACTED]

Please use evidence-based data including year-end financial reports and historical data for comparison.

1. Describe how resources are aligned with the campus strategic plan, which includes Engagement, Service, and the Public Good; Welcoming and Inclusive Campus; Student Success; and Academic Distinction.

Honors College Scholarships are awarded to freshman, continuing, and transfer students. They serve as both an essential recruitment tool for the Honors College to bring academically competitive students to Cal State LA, and offer a means to support the educational experience of current students to increase retention and graduation rates.

**Alignment with University Strategic Plan:** The outcomes connected to scholarships awarded through lottery funds align primarily with three of the four strategic plan focus areas. In Engagement, Service and the Public Good, since scholarships are one of the most significant reasons why students choose the Honors College, this form of support is remembered by our alumni. Scholarships therefore create an additional link between alumni and the program. In Welcoming and Inclusive Campus, we have found that when scholarships are offered and awarded to incoming students, students feel more welcome and better supported. In Student Success, scholarships lead to greater retention and timely graduation.

2. Provide key performance metrics to measure and sustain success.

Metrics to measure success are:

- Successful recruitment of a full cohort of students every year
- Increased student satisfaction with Cal State LA and the Honors College

-Improved retention and graduation rates

**3. Describe program outcomes and results. Identify challenges encountered.**

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One challenge was a reduction from \$400,000 to \$200,000 in annual Lottery funds in 16-17, while 4-year scholarship awards had been assigned assuming the larger annual inflow. Given prior scholarship commitments, in May 2020, we had projected needing \$321,000 for Honors Scholars Scholarships in 20-21. There was a one-time allocation of \$100,000 (leading to the 19-20 total of \$300,000 in Lottery funds) to assist with the transition to lower scholarship amounts to balance the budget. The underutilization of the \$300,000 in 19-20 was intentional, so that in 20-21 we could be assured of covering our commitments while expanding the entering class numbers.



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