How to Apply:

For information about how to enroll in Freshman Edge, visit our website at: summer.berkeley.edu/freshman.

Please note: before you can complete your enrollment, you’ll need to submit your SIR (Statement of Intent to Register) through myBerkeleyApp at students.berkeley.edu/myberkeley.

"It gives deep insight into what Cal is going to be like, and you get really helpful advice from the upperclassmen about courses, clubs, and livelihood. You also get to make friends before the official school year. It was an amazing experience" — 2010 Participant

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Freshman Edge is an award-winning program at UC Berkeley that gives newly admitted freshmen for fall an opportunity to learn about life as a Cal student before the school year officially starts.

Get an Edge
Enrolling at Cal in the summer gives you a competitive edge over those who wait until fall. Not only can you acclimate yourself to the campus early by getting to know UC Berkeley’s facilities and resources, but you can also begin to explore the libraries, museums, recreational facilities, and many other resources Cal has to offer.

Take Berkeley Courses
As a Freshman Edge student, you have an early opportunity to take highly impacted freshman classes. Fulfilling these requirements ahead of time will not only give you more time to explore different majors, but also will let you gain units you can use toward graduation. Freshman Edge courses take place in two sessions: Session C (June 20 to August 12), and Session D (July 5 to August 12). Students are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meet New Berkeley Students
In the Freshman Edge program, you will be able to participate in various activities that help you build a network of peers who are as excited about college as you. You begin the program with a kickoff event that introduces you to other program participants. Different workshops on topics such as surviving college and exploring careers are presented throughout the summer to give you the opportunity to maintain these newly formed relationships, as well as learn more about college life.

Live On Campus
Participants in Freshman Edge have the option to live in University Residence Halls. Single, double and triple occupancy rooms are available. The Academic Services Center located in each hall provides academic advising, tutoring, study space and technology services. Each hall has laundry facilities, an exercise room and all rooms have Ethernet connections. Live-in residential staff organize community development activities and social programs. A flexible meal plan offers dining at seven Cal dining locations.

Save Money
Instead of paying visiting student fees, Freshman Edge students are charged UC student rates. In addition, there are no out-of-state fees for participants. Financial aid is available. In addition to the 2011-2012 Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which you must submit for fall financial aid, you will also need to submit the 2010-2011 FAFSA to be eligible for financial aid for the summer. Be sure to add Berkeley’s school code (001312) to both your 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 FAFSA. For more information, please go to fafsa.ed.gov or students.berkeley.edu/finaid/.