How to Apply:

The application will become available once you have submitted your SIR (Statement of Intent to Register) through my Berkeley App at: students.berkeley.edu/myberkeley.

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

“It’s a great way to graduate early, and to get know and love the University before the real deal begins. I am incredibly glad I chose Berkeley” – 2012 Participant

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Freshman Edge is an award-winning program at UC Berkeley that gives newly admitted fall freshmen 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 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 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 earn units you can use toward graduation. Freshman Edge courses take place in two sessions: Session C (June 24 to August 16), and Session D (July 8 to August 16). 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 starting college as you are. You begin the program with a kickoff event that introduces you to other program participants. 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 2013-2014 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which you must submit for fall financial aid, you will also need to submit the 2012-2013 FAFSA to be eligible for financial aid for the summer. Be sure to add Berkeley’s school code (001312) to both your 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 FAFSA.

For more information, please go to fafsa.ed.gov or students.berkeley.edu/finaid/.