

# UC Essays?



## *Important Points About the New Format*

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- ✓ You will have 8 questions to choose from.
- ✓ You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.
- ✓ You should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances. All questions are equal
- ✓ There is no right or wrong way to answer these questions: It's about getting to know your personality, background, interests and achievements in your own unique voice.
- ✓ Remember, the personal questions are just that — personal. Which means you should use our guidance for each question just as a suggestion in case you need help.
- ✓ The important thing is expressing who are you, what matters to you and what you want to share with UC. Define your motivation/momentum in topics you are passionate about
- ✓ Start early, get feedback, and REVISE!

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## *List of New Essay Questions*

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. Describe your favorite academic subject and explain how it has influenced you.
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?

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