



Basic Needs Program

Welcome to UCDC REP! The UCDC Basic Needs program understands that while you are not in DC for the term, you may still have some challenges meeting your basic needs of food and housing security as you participate in UCDC REP. Here are three resources that are available to you, as a UCDC REP participant, that can assist you in meeting your basic needs.

Home Campus Basic Needs Resources

Your home campus is your first and most valuable resource because they are offering robust virtual and in-person services. Please select the appropriate link to your campus below to access your campus's Basic Needs program and get connected to someone who can help you navigate the services and resources available to you. Links to assistance forms have been provided when available.

[UC Berkeley \(assistance form\)](#)

[UC Davis \(assistance form\)](#)

[UC Irvine](#)

[UC Los Angeles](#)

[UC Merced \(assistance form\)](#)

[UC Riverside](#)

[UC San Diego \(assistance forms\)](#)

[UC Santa Barbara](#)

[UC Santa Cruz](#)

Please let us know if you need help getting connected to your on-campus resource. Email us at BasicNeeds@ucdc.edu.

In-Person Assistance from the UC Campus Nearest to You

In addition to accessing resources through your home campus, you also have access to campus resources nearest to where you are currently living. UC campuses are working together to make sure that all UC students can lessen the gap between what they have and what they need when it comes to nutritious food and safe housing. Many campuses are providing access to food boxes, their food pantries, and hygiene products.

To access resources at the UC campus nearest you, start with your home campus. Let them know the campus that is easiest for you to access and that you would like to learn about what resources might be available to you as a nearby student. Your campus will likely assist you with virtual opportunities first and then refer you to the campus near you for supplemental assistance.

UCDC Basic Needs Food Assistance Program

Once you've accessed home campus assistance and the resources from the UC campus nearest to you (as is feasible), you may access resources from UCDC. We know that some of you may need additional assistance for multiple reasons. For instance, you may not qualify for enough assistance to cover your needs, or you may be too far from your nearest campus to utilize in-person resources.

To help fill the gap, we have developed a supplemental food relief gift card program. Here are the details:

- You may request food delivery, meal kit, or grocery gift cards, depending on your needs and preferences.
- Gift cards may be requested up to three times throughout the term. (Pay attention to request deadlines!)
- Maximum request amounts for each deadline: \$215

Please keep in mind that assistance through this program is supplemental. You should reach out to your home campus Basic Needs office before submitting your request to us. We can help you make those contacts if you need help.

Please note: We understand that it may take a couple of weeks for you to get fully connected to resources through your home campus. We are happy to help you with your UCDC request prior to you being fully connected to on-campus resources, but you must be fully connected before making a second request.

To request food assistance, please complete the [UCDC Food Assistance Request Form](#) by the required deadline (specified on the form). Requests can be made any time before the deadline.

- You may need to set up accounts with the vendors to use in-app and on-line services. Some vendors will require a credit/debit card to set up an account. You will need to provide your own card for this purpose.
- Any forms submitted after the deadline will be considered during the next review period. Food assistance gift cards are distributed 3-5 business days after the deadline.
- All gift cards are delivered to the email address you used to register for UCDC.
- All gift cards are delivered through a secure email program called SAFE. The first time you receive a gift card, you will be prompted to set up a password to access the email. The UCDC Basic Needs program will not have access to help you reset your password.

We want UCDC to be one of the best parts of your UC experience, and helping you meet your basic needs is one way for us to reduce a barrier to your success! If you need any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at BasicNeeds@ucdc.edu.