

UCSB Sexual Violence Survivor Fund

UCSB is committed to supporting student survivors of sexual violence (which under UC policy includes students impacted by sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking). UC policies and federal Title IX legislation gives student survivors the right to seek assistance from the campus. This type of assistance could be changing classes, housing, or a work location, obtaining counseling, academic support and guidance, or other remedies to enhance safety. Confidential advocates in the CARE Advocate Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Misconduct (<http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/care> or 805-893-4613) can assist students with these remedies and accommodations. Detailed information about policies, response, resources, reporting, support and advocacy can be found at <http://sexualviolence.ucsb.edu>.

Student survivors of sexual violence sometimes face unanticipated or emergency expenses. As an additional way to support student survivors and contribute to their success, **UCSB has established a donor-supported fund intended to assist survivors who are experiencing financial impacts**. Student survivors do not need to be engaged in an official reporting process to seek funds. Any of the offices listed below can forward a request for assistance to the fund on behalf of a student, but not all the offices are confidential, so survivors who wish to ask for help but remain confidential should contact a CARE advocate or CAPS psychologist for assistance.

The Survivor Fund can assist UCSB student survivors by providing modest financial support to cover unexpected, short-term, emergency expenses (for example, immediate safety, health, or medical needs, and certain court filing fees for things like restraining orders). The fund is not intended to cover students' regular ongoing expenses such as room and board or rent and food, and in most cases it cannot cover tuition and fees. Students requesting assistance must be currently enrolled at UCSB, and requests must be connected to or supportive of a student's attendance at UCSB.

Requests for assistance can be discussed with a variety of UCSB staff members who work with survivors including CARE advocates, staff in the Office of Equal Opportunity & Sexual Harassment/Title IX Compliance, Office of Judicial Affairs, and Student Mental Health Coordination, as well as Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) counselors and social workers at Student Health Service. These staff members can forward student requests for assistance to the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will review requests and determine whether the request can be granted. Requests that meet the above criteria can usually be granted and processed within a few days of receipt and funds are normally credited to the student's BARC account.

For students who are financial aid recipients, receiving assistance from the fund may affect eligibility for need-based aid. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is sometimes involved in assessing and helping to mitigate impact of an award from the fund.

The fund is supported by donor contributions. In 2015 UCSB Associated Students pledged to support the fund through a generous one-time donation. Donations to the fund can be made by visiting the UCSB CARE website at <http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/Care/> and clicking on the button "Support the Survivors Fund."