Prestigious UCSC scholarship of up to $20,000.
The University of California, Santa Cruz, has a strong commitment to the future of California. The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program has been established to enable community college transfer students to complete their undergraduate studies at UC Santa Cruz. The scholarship is for junior-level UC transfer-eligible students who:

- Have shown exceptional achievement through academic and extracurricular accomplishments despite adverse socioeconomic conditions;
- Have demonstrated an involvement in activities that assist and improve the lives of others;
- Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities that reflect the ideals of the Pister Leadership Opportunity Program;
- Because of financial need, would not otherwise be able to attend UC Santa Cruz.
- Students on a non-immigrant visa (e.g., F-1, J-1, etc.) are not eligible for this award.

The program provides a scholarship of up to $20,000 distributed over two years, mentoring and academic support, and assistance in finding paid or volunteer summer work experience. Recipients will be selected by the chancellor of UCSC from candidates submitted by the presidents of participating community colleges.

How to Apply at Monterey Peninsula College

Apply for admission to UC Santa Cruz no later than November 30, 2019. Visit the MPC Transfer Center for more information.

Go online to: https://www.mpc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/inside-scholarships-new/-fsiteid-1 for the Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program scholarship application/guidelines and apply no later than February 7, 2020. Submit application to the MPC Financial Aid Office at COB.

Apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2020.