



THE GREENLINING INSTITUTE

A Multi-Ethnic Residential Leadership Program
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APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011

Students from all diverse communities are highly encouraged to apply

Casa (also formally known as Casa Joaquin Murrieta) is a co-ed residence located blocks from the UC Berkeley campus, housing 36 students. Casa was built in 1914 by renowned architect and UC Berkeley alumna, Julia Morgan. Originally established in 1970 by the Frente Foundation, Casa has evolved into a multi-ethnic, academic-residential, collaborative center that promotes social justice, leadership development in a very respectful, hands-on and engaging environment. In 2004 Casa became part of The Greenlining Institute, a renowned national, multi-ethnic public policy research and advocacy institute. Casa has been in the forefront; meeting the needs of first generation, low income, under-represented students on the UC Berkeley campus. Our goals are to recruit, matriculate and retain students through the University of California, Berkeley. In order to make this happen we aim to inspire students to fulfill their true potential; nurture and develop leadership skills; foster a positive and healthy university experience and facilitate the development of life-long friendships. Once you are accepted into our community you will become part of and have access to a network dating back 40 years.

Casa is a living/working community; all residents are assigned weekly chores, attend bi-monthly house meetings, attend one meeting per semester at the Greenlining Institute and must attend an additional hour per week of personal development workshops organized by Casa. In addition, you will be required to meet with a campus academic advisor once per semester. Casa provides each resident with a bed, mattress, dresser, desk, chair, and bookcase. Rent includes five dinner meals per week, Monday-Friday. CASA maintains a computer center for use by residents including wi-fi. The computer center is open 24 hours a day. The living room has a television with cable and VCR/DVD; available 24 hours a day. Other benefits include career exploration, resume/interviewing training, academic and personal support, financial literacy course, a multi-ethnic bbq, holiday party, annual retreat, free laundry service, cooking classes and scholarship/internship opportunities. To view pictures of Casa and some of these events please visit www.facebook.com/CasaUCB.

Once a complete application is received, we will contact you within a month to set up an interview. You will be notified within one month of the interview if you will be accepted into our program. If you are admitted, you and your parents will have ten days to accept our offer of admission by submitting a signed and notarized financial contract and terms and conditions agreement along with a \$500.00 deposit to reserve a room at Casa.

Fees for academic year 2010/2011:

Single \$6,500

Double \$6,000

Triple \$5,500

Small Double \$5,000

Fees for one semester are half the academic year fees.

The casa staff will be in contact with you before your arrival to answer questions and assist with any necessary preparations for a successful academic year. **Please stop by anytime to tour the house.**

Casa is not simply a place to live; there is a time commitment to yourself, the house and to the other residents. If you are looking for inexpensive housing or housing near CAL we refer you to www.calrentals.berkeley.edu and www.Berkeleystudentcooperative.org.

INSTRUCTIONS

Only completed applications will be reviewed. Make a photocopy of your completed application for your files. Your application is confidential; the information requested is to enable us to evaluate your needs and make roommate assignments. **Applications are accepted all year long; please contact our office to confirm vacancies.**

In addition to submitting a complete application, we request the following materials:

1. **One page essay describing why you would like to live at Casa, what you can bring to our program and explanation on how you will pay for rent (include any proof available)**
2. **Personal photograph**
3. **One letter of recommendation (teacher, counselor, professor or supervisor)**
4. **Copy of your Financial Aid Offer Letter (AB540 students need to include copy of scholarship rewards)**
5. **Copy of your 2010 taxes or your parents if you are claimed as a dependent**
6. **Official UC Berkeley offer letter or other proof of enrollment**
7. **Copy of your most recent transcript with GPA**
8. **Professional resume**

A. FAMILY BACKGROUND

The information you provide is used to build a statistical profile of our applicants and residents, assess student needs and develop support programs. We do not use this information to determine eligibility. All personal information is kept locked and secured.

Full Name (First, Middle and Last)	_____	Age	_____	Birth date	_____	Birthplace	_____
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Permanent Address (City, State, and Zip Code)

(____)_____ (____)_____

Home Telephone Number	_____	Alternative Telephone Number	_____	E-mail Address	_____	Cell phone #	_____
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___YES___NO___

Are you the first in your family to attend college?

How long have you resided in the US?

Race or Ethnicity	_____	Nationality	_____	Citizenship	_____
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Primary Language	_____	Other languages	_____
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B. ROOM INFORMATION

Please select your room of interest and other room information;

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|--|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$ 6,500.00 | Room # _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double | \$ 6,000.00 | Room # _____ | With who? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Triple | \$ 5,500.00 | Room # _____ | With who? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Single | \$ 5,000.00 | Room # _____ | With who? _____ |

I am applying for Fall 2010 Spring 2011 Both

Mother or Guardian

Full Name (first, middle, last)

Mother's occupation

Permanent Address

(____)_____
Home Telephone Number

(____)_____
Alternative Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Mother's Birthplace

Mother's Primary Language

Other Languages

Mothers highest educational level attended:

- None Primary Middle School Some High School High School Grad
Some College College Grad Graduate School PhD

Father or Guardian

Full Name (first, middle, last)

Father's occupation

Permanent Address

(____)_____
Home Telephone Number

(____)_____
Alternative Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Father's Birthplace

Father's Primary Language

Other Languages

Father's highest educational level attended:

- None Primary Middle School Some High School High School Grad
Some College College Grad Graduate School PhD

Siblings

Name	Age	Colleges Attended	Degrees Earned or in Progress
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

C. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Please list the schools you have attended beginning with high school:

School	City	Years Attended	GPA	Degree Earned
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Advanced Placement Exams Taken and Passed:

D. RESUME

Please include all volunteer work, community work, school activities, honors, awards, scholarships and work experience in your resume. Please refer to your library, career center or online for professional resume help.

E. CAREER GOALS

My career goal is: _____

I have chosen this career goal because: _____

F. ESSAYS

Please type your essay and attach it to this application; one page.

1. What are the benefits of living in a multi-ethnic house and what will be your contribution?
2. How will you pay rent?

G. ARE YOU AN INCOMING FRESHMEN Yes No

Will you be attending Summer Bridge? _____

H. ARE YOU A TRANSFER STUDENTS Yes No

Overall GPA _____ GPA in Major Field of Study _____

Note: In-coming transfer students are encouraged to enroll in the transition programs offered by the Academic Achievement Program and the Transfer & Re-Entry Student Parent Center. These programs offer a wealth of information and crucial support for a successful transition to UC Berkeley.

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT.

I. CONTINUING UC BERKELEY STUDENTS

Circle your class standing Fall 2010: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior 5th year 6th year

Graduate Student Yr _____ Law Student Yr _____ Other _____

I am enrolled in the (check one):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> College of Letters and Science | <input type="checkbox"/> College of Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College of Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Haas School of Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College of Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> College of Environmental Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School of Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Major _____

UCB GPA _____ Year and semester you entered UC Berkeley? _____

Departmental Advisor _____ Academic Advisor _____

Are you or have you been on Academic Probation? _____

J. STUDENT FINANCES

Have you received a financial aid offer? _____ (Please attach a copy to this application)

Did you apply for work-study? _____ If yes, how much work-study were you awarded? _____

Do you anticipate problems paying your education/housing at Berkeley? If yes, please explain:

K. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby declare that I have read the Casa program description and application instructions, and have a basic understanding of the Residential Program at Casa. I understand that this application is subject to review and does not guarantee a room, board, or program reservation. I furthermore agree to allow the casa staff to discuss my financial and academic records with the University of California, high school, or Community College staff. I also understand that the University of California and Community College or high school staff will discuss my financial status and academic record with the casa staff. I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and true.

You are required to submit the following documents:

1. **One page essay**
2. **Personal photograph**
3. **One letter of recommendation (teacher, counselor, professor or supervisor)**
4. **Copy of your Financial Aid Offer Letter (if available)**
5. **Copy of your 2009 taxes or your parents if you are claimed as a dependent**
6. **Official UC Berkeley offer letter or other proof of enrollment**
7. **Copy of your most recent transcript with GPA**
8. **Professional resume**

Although applications are taken all year long we strongly suggest you submit as soon as possible. Please contact our office to check vacancies.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

*There will be a mandatory orientation Sunday, August 21st and Monday, August 22nd - 11am-6pm.

*You can begin to move in August 16th, 9am-5pm. You will not be able to move in before this date or outside of those time frames. Mandatory retreat is August 27-28, 2011.