# Application call: UCLA Extension Grants 2024-25



#### with UIC Barcelona

#### **Department of International Relations**

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This agreement allows UIC Barcelona students who have completed a bachelor's degree to apply for the **UCLA Extension Certificate Programme** and benefit from a **discount**.

UIC Barcelona also allocates three grants of €2,000 each to help you pursue a postgraduate course at UCLA Extension. Students will cover remaining costs themselves, including any remaining enrolment fees, accommodation, travel, visa and meals.

This course is equivalent to a postgraduate degree, with a **flexible duration** (normally nine months) that gives you the chance to **specialise** and gain **professional experience** in your area of expertise.

There are many advantages for students who benefit from this agreement as, in addition to reducing the cost of the programme, it offers unique opportunities for gaining professional experience in the United States. On the one hand, several of its programmes include work placements in the relevant field, and on the other hand, it gives you the option to stay and work in the country once the programme has ended, with a 12-month work permit (OPT visa).

Learn more about the UCLA Extension Certificate here.

## Academic requirements to participate

1. Students must be in their last year of their degree programme, or have already graduated, at the time they apply for funding.

To receive the grant, all the credits from UIC Barcelona must be obtained before the end of the year four (July), otherwise, the grant will be lost.

2. **Demonstrate a good level of English** with a language qualification. More information about the language requirements in this <u>link</u>.

### Application process

To participate, students must:

- 1. Fill out the UCLA Grant application form
- 2. Submit the following documentation via email:
  - CV
  - Language certificate<sup>1</sup>
  - Academic transcript where the average mark out of 10 appears<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not presenting a certificate according to UCLA Extension requirements is not a reason for declining the application, but will affect the evaluation according to the percentage indicated for the language certificate. In any case, before going to UCLA Extension, all students must fulfil the English certificate requirement marked by UCLA Extension.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Document called "CAP", available at the secretary of your faculty – without additional costs when requested for this application.



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All documents must be sent to the corresponding email address:

- <u>exchange.bcn@uic.es</u> (degrees programmes on the Barcelona Campus)
- <u>exchange.scu@uic.es (</u>degrees programmes on the Sant Cugat Campus)

### 3. Application deadline: 23 February 2024

## Selection process

Each Faculty will conduct the first evaluation of its applicants.

Applications that are eligible for funding will be evaluated through a personal interview, using the following criteria:

- Academic transcript **40%**
- English level 20%
- Student profile and motivation **20%**
- Faculty recommendation **10%**
- Financial need (students must provide official proof<sup>3</sup>)10%

The final decision regarding grant allocation falls to the Department of International Relations, which reserves the right to accept or reject applications and will notify the Grants Committee.

# Other rules

A student can only receive the grant once. Students will have to start their Certificate programme between August 2024 - September 2025. The grant cannot be transferred to another academic year.

## **Grant payment**

Students will receive grant fund payment from UIC Barcelona once they arrive and start their classes in the UCLA Extension Certificate Programme.

# Calendar

- 1. Application deadline: 23 February 2024
- 2. Invitation to the interview: week of 11 March 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Students may obtain points for the following circumstances: Spanish Ministry Education grant, UIC Barcelona Grants, large family, single-parent family, or a disability of 33% or higher.



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- 3. Interviews: 18-20 March 2024
- 4. Decision by email: 22 March 2024
- 5. Deadline for accepting/declining offers: 5 April 2024
- 6. **Waiting list:** applicants on the waiting list will be informed if a grant become available by order of ranking
- 7. Meeting with UCLA Extension: tentatively, week of 22 April 2024

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