

The Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center

Laying the Foundation for All Students to Succeed



Sade McAllister, '21, credits Aggie Compass with keeping her on track toward her academic goals. In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, McAllister had just given birth to a baby, her preschooler was out of school due to stay-at-home orders, her husband was on unpaid leave due to his health, and she was enrolled as a full-time student. A grant from Aggie Compass “kept shelter over my family’s head,” said McAllister. “This is a lifesaving program and very beneficial to the well-being of UC Davis students.”

At some point in their academic journey, many students face circumstances that make it difficult to focus on their education. In order to achieve their dreams at UC Davis, Aggies need to be confident that their basic needs are covered.

The Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center is a first stop for students to access the resources essential to their success. The center’s comprehensive, accessible services meet students’ immediate needs while helping them build the skills to maintain health and well-being for years to come.

Empowering Aggie Successes

- More than 3,400 students visited Aggie Compass over 8,700 times in the 2019-20 academic year
- 455 students received 6,279 meals through our Grocery Bag Distribution program in 2019
- 206 students received rental assistance grants averaging \$600 in 2019
- 753 student parents and their families received grants averaging \$500 in 2019
- Basic needs insecurity disproportionately impacts students of color and first-generation, low-income, and LGBTQIA students
- 44% of students experience low or very low food security, and 18% of students experience housing insecurity

The Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center invites philanthropic partners to join us in ensuring that every Aggie has the opportunity to thrive in every way.

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The Right Support at the Right Time

Aggies take care of each other, and this dedication to mutual aid is at the heart of Aggie Compass. Working with campus and community partners, the Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center connects students with tailored support. From providing fresh produce, rent subsidies, and rapid rehousing for students facing homelessness, to connecting students with counseling, mental health referrals and financial wellness classes, the Aggie Compass resource network helps students weather immediate challenges while building a plan for ongoing well-being.

As one of the most comprehensive university basic needs resource networks in California, the Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center is also working to address inequitable policies, systems and the campus culture to inspire inclusive change.

Philanthropy is critical to ensuring that UC Davis can continue to provide comprehensive resources free of charge, while serving an even greater number of students. Your gifts allow us to offer consistent student emergency aid while expanding our in-demand mental health, crisis and housing services.

What are basic needs?

- **Food security:** Consistent, reliable access to affordable and nutritious food
- **Housing stability:** A safe, affordable place to live
- **Financial sustainability:** Always having enough money to cover basic necessities
- **Mental wellness:** The tools to cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, and contribute to one's own community



The Philanthropic Opportunities

Endow basic needs services to sustain support for generations of students

\$5 MILLION

Fund an undergraduate or graduate internship to help build a network of students to conduct peer outreach and education

\$500,000 TO ENDOW
OR \$20,000 ANNUALLY

Fund direct grants to help students access food, rent assistance, technology and other emergency needs

GIFTS OF ALL SIZES WELCOME

Create a permanent source of support for the Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center through available endowment opportunities

GOAL: \$55 MILLION