

UC Davis Redwood Seed Scholars Program

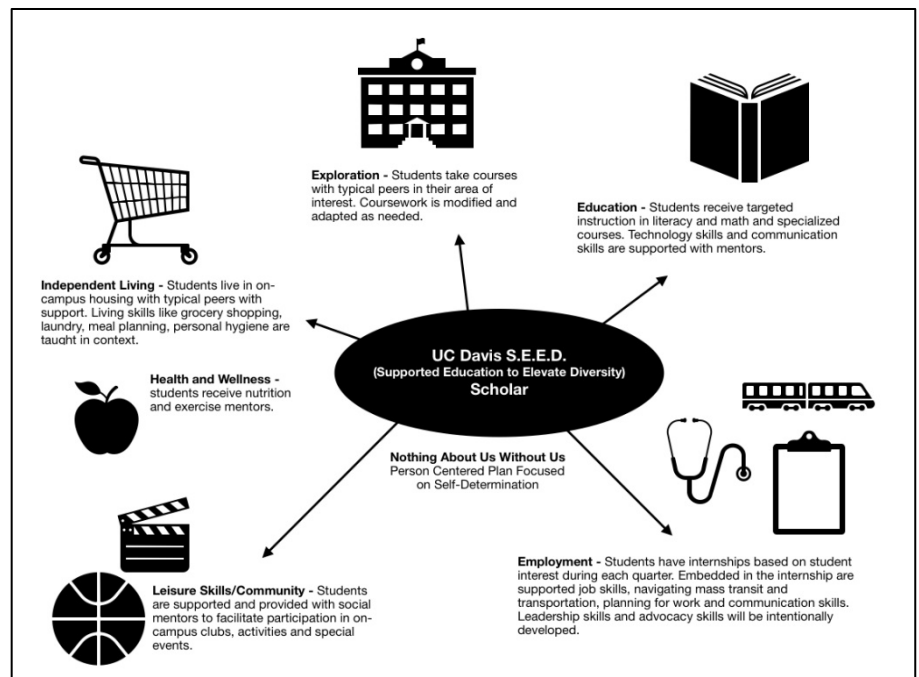
(Supported Education to Elevate Diversity)

Rationale for Program

- 66,000 college-age (18-26) individuals with intellectual disability (ID) in California
- Poor employment outcomes for Californians with ID
 - 3% of adults with ID receive a living wage working side-by-side with typical peers
- >90% of adults with ID live in poverty
- Young adults with ID express largely same hopes and goals as their typically developing peers
- UC Davis Redwood SEED Scholars Program is designed to improve these outcomes and serve as a model for other campuses in California
- First of its kind in California

Program Basics

- Partnership between the MIND Institute and Office of DEI
- 4-year, non-degree program
- 12 students enrolled per year
- Individualized for each student
- Combination of UC Davis “regular” courses and program-specific courses
- Inclusive residential option
- Inclusion in UC Davis extracurriculars
- Internship options at UC Davis, UC Davis Health, state government, local businesses, Fortune 500 companies
- Supports for success
 - Undergraduate peer mentors and tutors
 - Training of participating UC Davis faculty in inclusive practices and universal design
 - Training of housing staff, food service staff, police in inclusive practices
 - Behavior and education consultants to teach and support mentors, tutors, faculty, staff



Program Funding

- U.S. Department of Education, Model Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities Program (TPSID – CFDA 84.407A)
 - \$2.1 million (total costs, 8% F&A, 2020-2025)
- MIND Institute and Office of DEI in-kind - \$100,000+
 - Philanthropy - \$500,000 5-year pledge
 - Ongoing target of philanthropy (Program in Adult Transition and Independence)
- Students pay tuition, fees, room and board, health insurance

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