



Gold Shield Alumnae, UCLA **Empowering Bruins, Enriching Futures**

Gold Shield is an honorary organization of UCLA alumnae who are distinguished leaders, dedicated to making meaningful contributions to the university. **Our mission is to promote and sustain excellence at UCLA through financial support, mentorship, and service to enrich the Bruin community.** Since 1936, we have played a pivotal role in supporting UCLA's students, faculty, and programs.

Membership starts with a commitment to UCLA, but quickly grows into something more—a connection to a dynamic network of accomplished women who inspire and support one another. Guided by values of innovation, inclusion, optimism, integrity, and friendship, Gold Shield makes a lasting impact on its members, the university, and the wider community.

Whether your passion is supporting students, honoring exceptional faculty, or volunteering alongside a vibrant community of trailblazers, mentors, and philanthropists, you'll find your place in Gold Shield.



OUR KEY PROGRAMS

Financial Support and Mentoring: Investing in the Next Generation

Since 1939, Gold Shield has proudly championed UCLA students. Our financial awards reduce financial burdens for students and our mentorship helps guide them toward success. These programs include:

- Undergraduate scholarships for 4-year and transfer students
- Scholarships for Ethnic Studies graduate fellows
- Stipends for Institute of American Cultures Summer Internships

Gold Shield Faculty Prize: Honoring Excellence in Teaching

The Gold Shield Faculty Prize recognizes outstanding mid-career faculty who inspire the next generation of Bruins. This prestigious award, valued at \$35,000, alternates between north and south campus to ensure a broad impact across disciplines.

BY THE NUMBERS

A History of Giving for Targeted Impact

Our financial commitment to UCLA reflects our deep belief in the power of education and mentorship to transform lives.

- Over **\$5.5 million in assets** managed through the UCLA Foundation

- Support for more than **1,000 scholars** with over **\$3 million** in scholarships, fellowships, and internships

- Over **\$700,000** invested in Gold Shield Faculty Prize, UCLA's oral program, history, university archives, and library collection endowments



MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Benefits of Membership

Signature Events:

Four times a year, convene at a UCLA venue, experience programming that highlights the impact of our work, and get to know our members, scholars, and special guests.

Flexible Engagement:

Member and committee meetings held via Zoom, Signature Events on weekends, and social engagement opportunities offered throughout the year.

Giving Back:

Opportunity to Mentor a Scholar

All Gold Shield scholars are matched with a mentor when they receive a Gold Shield scholarship. The level of engagement with mentees depends on their individual needs. Gold Circle mentors can add a new dimension to the support we can offer our student scholars.

Annual Scholarship Contribution

Scholarship obligations can be fulfilled through personal donations or by individual fundraising efforts. There is no limit on giving!



Active Members

Annual Membership Dues: \$100

Dues support the organization by covering operating costs of Gold Shield.

Scholarship Obligation: \$150

Contribute to the education and success of Bruins by making an annual tax-deductible contribution to our scholarship fund.

Active Participation:

Attend at least two signature events* annually and join a committee or mentor a scholar by year two of membership.

** Signature events require a separate hospitality fee, ranging from \$25-\$60 for food and beverage, depending on the event.*

Gold Circle Members*

Annual Membership Dues: \$0

Dues will be waived for first five years of membership.

Scholarship Obligation: \$25

Scholarship contribution can be met by a member directly or via contribution from others.

Active Participation:

Attend at least two member meetings and two signature events (at a reduced cost of \$20 per event)*.

Mentor a scholar each year, actively serve on one committee, or in an operational role (social media, events, for example).

** Gold Circle members are very recent graduates who are invited to join the organization. After five years, Gold Circle members will matriculate to active membership in Gold Shield.*