



# Addressing Student Hunger: The UC Global Food Initiative & CalFresh Advocates New Visions, Policy, & Programs

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# Overview



- Share the origins and impetus for establishing the Food Access and Security Committee of GFI
- Highlight ways in which our network of efforts across the UC are advancing efforts to address hunger and malnourishment
- Preview current next steps underway across all 10 campuses

# Origins of GFI & Our Efforts



**Launched in summer 2014 with rapid response across all UCs**

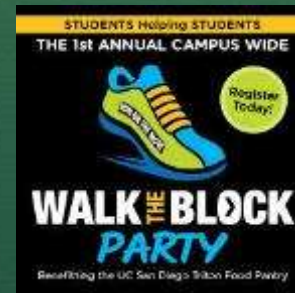
- Bringing together all 10 campuses and UC Divisions with over 20 committees working across operations, research, and public service
- Varying level of student services and support across UCs for food access and needs
- Current data demonstrates wide disparities ranging from 20.5% to 47.5% of students skipping meals (UCUES)
- Rising trends and concerns around broader student hunger and food insecurity (i.e., Hunger in America Report)



# Current Efforts



- Conducted a preliminary needs assessment for all campuses
- Hosted an annual CA Wide Summit (CAHEFS)
- Developed an aspirational model for addressing food insecurity (CFDCs)
- Formalized leadership across all campuses to respond with funding from UCOP
- Implementation Plans being submitted over the next month for Phase II





# Next Steps



- Addressing financial aid formula system wide
- Update and presentation to UC Regents May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Advancing better data collection and analysis (*i.e.*, GFI, UCUES, *Fin Aid*)
- Implementation of Phase II June 2015-June 2016
- Supporting 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CAHEFS next MLK weekend
- Ongoing work to build resilient and connected CFDCs across campuses and with community partners
- Mid term plan to formalize all structures and systems to address student hunger and food access by 2025



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