# Instructionally Related Activities Program (IRA)

**Student Fee Advisory Committee** 

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## Instructionally Related Activities Fee

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## **IRA Leadership Transitions**

Previously, ASI managed all aspects of IRA including:

 The IRA Committee, application process, and budget / transactions

Now, IRA is on the state side and is managed by staff in the divisions of Student Affairs and Admin & Finance.

Thank you, ASI!

## **IRA Committee Membership**

The IRA Committee is comprised of voting and non-voting members

#### **Voting Members**

- Chair
  - o student
  - ASI President or Designee
- 8 Student Representatives
  - one from each college
  - Appointed by ASI President
- 8 Faculty Representatives
  - One per college
  - Appointed by Academic Senate Chair upon recommendation of college dean

#### Non-voting

- University President representative
- VP of Student Affairs representative
- VP of Admin and Finance representative
- VP of Academic Affairs representative
- IRA Administration Team

## **Current IRA Leadership, Administration Team**

#### **Administration & Finance:**

Alyssa Adamson, Academic Financial Services

**Bonnie Li Victorino, Academic Financial Services** 

Raymond Juanico, Resource Planning & Budget

#### **Student Affairs:**

**Alisa Flowers, VP of Student Affairs Office** 

Natalie Azzouni, VP of Student Affairs Office

## Instructionally Related Activities Fee: Purpose

The IRA Fee was established by the California State University system in 1978 to "Provide support for essential educational experiences and activities that aid and supplement the fundamental educational mission of the University."

2023-24 FEE SCHEDULE

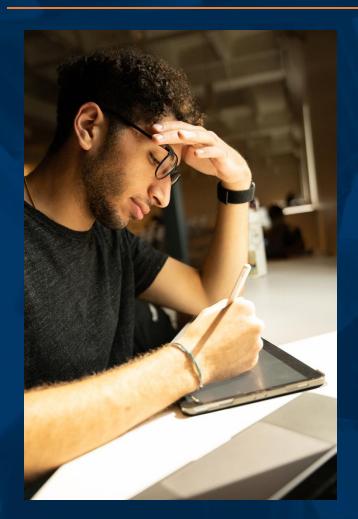
**FALL:** 

\$44.09

**SPRING:** 

\$44.09

### **Education Code, Title V**



Education Code, Title 5 Section 41800.2 and Education Code, Section 89230 defines Instructionally Related Activity programs which may be funded by annual State budgets. The same definitions are utilized at California State University Fullerton for defining programs eligible for funding by IRA fees collected from students.

## **IRA Funding**

Programs requesting approval for funding from IRA fuds must meet one of the following criteria to be considered eligible.

#### **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Costs necessary for a basic competitive program including equipment, supplies, and scheduled travel not now provided by the State. Athletic funding from the IRA fund is guaranteed per student-approved referendum.

#### Radio, Television and Film

Costs related to the provision of basic "hands-on" experiences not now provided by the State.

#### **Music and Dance Performances**

Costs to provide experience in individual and group performance (including recitals) before audiences and in settings sufficiently varied to familiarize students with performing.

#### **Drama and Musical Performances**

Basic support of theatrical and operatic activities sufficient to permit experience with performance, production, set design, and other elements considered a part of professional training in these fields.

## IRA Funding (Continued)

#### **Art Exhibits**

Support for student art shows given in connection with degree programs.

#### **Publications**

Costs to support and operate basic publication programs including a periodic newspaper and other laboratory experience related to journalism and literary training.

#### **Forensics**

Activities designed to provide experience in debate, public speaking, and related programs including travel required for a competitive debate program.

#### **Other Activities**

Activities associated with other instructional areas, which are consistent with purposes included in the above, may be added as identified and approved by the campus President.

#### **Other Programs and Considerations**

A program that does not meet one of the established categories (1-9 above) may be considered an IRA eligible program if the program is a primary component of a class in which residential academic credit is earned and is closely related to and/or in support of the classroom study.

### **Executive Order**

IRA is governed under ED Code 89230 and the CSU Chancellor's Office Executive Order 429, which states the procedures in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees, and Executive Order 1102, which governs tuition and fee policies for the CSU. These procedures address the handling of IRA fees and the campus President's delegation of authority.

- Category II Fee
  - Required to be paid to enroll or attend CSUF
  - Established through student fee referendum
  - Adjusted through student fee referendum or alternative consultation.



## IRA Governance Document and IRA Deliberation Process

The IRA Governance and Funding Process documents clarify and establish the following:

- Purpose, membership structure, authority and responsibility of the IRA Committee
- Regulatory framework
- Eligibility for funding
- Application review criteria and procedures
- Award administration
- Funding deliberation post-application procedures
- Committee evaluation and rubric rating
- Final recommendation for funding

### **Timeline**

**Action** Timing

IRA Program Start July

Schedule Pre-Application Orientation August

Open Applications for next year's IRA Budget August

IRA Committee Budget Deliberation November

Approved Budget from President February/March

Award Notification to Programs March/April

Post-Award Orientation May

Year-End Close June

## Instructionally Related Activities Fee: History

| FALL 1974         | Assembly Bill \$2.6 million in State Funds   |
|-------------------|--|
| FALL 1979         | Concept of a special fee for support of IRA programs is accepted; \$5 per semester by Chancellor Exec Order – A Referendum is required |
| SPRING 1983       | Referendum to increase fee failed  |
| SPRING 1984       | Successful Referendum; fee increase to \$10 per semester   |
| SPRING 1989       | Referendum to increase fee failed  |
| SPRING 1990       | Referendum to increase fee failed  |
| FALL 2000         | Successful Referendum; fee increase to \$18 and then \$26 per semester   |
| FALL 2010         | Successful Referendum; fee increase to \$36 per semester Fall 2011, also straight 36% to Athletics                                     |
| Fall 2017-Present | IRA Fee increased based on inflation   |

## **2024-2025 CSU IRA FEE RATES**

| IRA FEE | CAMPUS  | IRA FEE   |
|---------|---|---|
| \$674   | San Bernardino  | \$182   |
| \$566   | Maritime  | \$130   |
| \$512   | East Bay  | \$129   |
| \$426   | Los Angeles   | \$126   |
| \$416   | Fullerton   | \$88  |
| \$374   | San Marcos  | \$80  |
| \$357   | Long Beach  | \$50  |
| \$264   | Northridge  | \$42  |
| \$260   | Pomona  | \$40  |
| \$254   | Dominguez Hills   | \$10  |
| \$236   |   | \$0   |
| \$183   |   |   |
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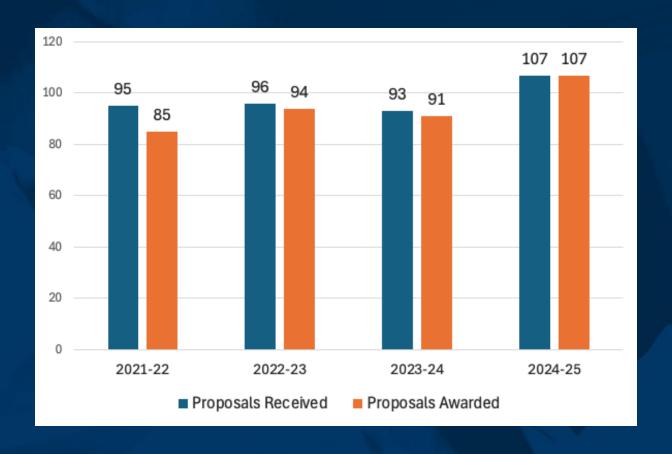
**AVERAGE 2024-25 CSU IRA FEES \$235** 

Does not include Summer Session Fees

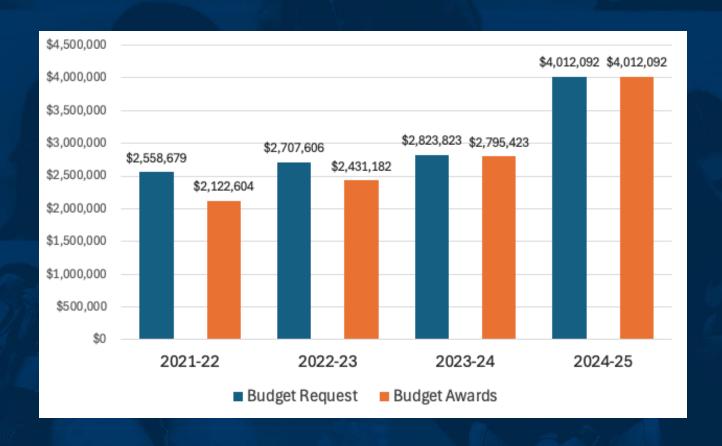
## **2024-2025 IRA Funding**

| COLLEGES                              | AMOUNT      | PERCENT |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| College of the Arts                   | \$1,270,348 | 31.7%   |
| College of Communications             | \$573,920   | 14.3%   |
| College of Education                  | \$75,754    | 1.9%    |
| College of Engineering & Comp Science | \$263,799   | 6.6%    |
| College of Health & Human Development | \$367,939   | 9.2%    |
| Humanities & Social Sciences          | \$806,280   | 20.1%   |
| Business & Economics                  | \$476,890   | 11.9%   |
| Natural Science & Mathematics         | \$118,662   | 3.0%    |
| Total                                 | \$4,012,092 | 100.00% |

## **IRA Budget Proposals**



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## Some Challenges and Opportunities

- Balance stable and adequate funding of returning programs and encourage new programs
- Funding levels keeping pace with inflation
- New training portfolio in Financial Services builds knowledge and improves compliance with campus policies and procedures
- Partnering with the Office of Financial Aid to ensure programs follo the path that is the least impactful to students
- Developing a proposal writing workshop hosted by the University Research Opportunity Center (UROC)



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