



# Partnerships and Pathways: Bridging Institutional Resources to Create Access to Higher Education

# Promises, Pathways, & Partnerships

- Collective agreements between high school districts, community college districts, and colleges and universities, and/or community based organizations
- Shared goals to impact enrollment, retention, and persistence within higher education



# Promises, Pathways, & Partnerships

What is the difference?

- Partnerships involve institutions
- Promises focus on shared goals with the help of resources
- Pathways map out the steps to reach desired goals



# What is the Mills Promise?

Mills has always been a leader in providing opportunities for women to pursue higher education—defying the convention of the time. Over the years, we have continued to break barriers by providing underserved students access to a top-ranked college education.

Partnerships with high school and community college districts

Community college guaranteed enrollment


Leadership development

Academic support




# We Promise...

## To High School Student Partners:

1. A minimum scholarship of \$7,000 to high school students with a GPA of 3.2
  2. An invitation to the Summer Leadership Academy
  3. Entrance into the Promise College Persistence Program
    - a. MPOWER
    - b. Being The First
    - c. Alumnae mentoring and career counseling
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# We Promise...

## To Transfer Student Partners:

1. Guaranteed admission and pathway to Mills College degree with a 2.8 GPA, 60 transferable semester credits, and an approved academic plan.
  2. An invitation to the Summer Leadership Academy
  3. Entrance into the Promise College Persistence Program
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# MPOWER

1. Academic success team with Academic Navigators and a faculty advisor
2. Personalized research or creative project mentored by outstanding faculty
3. Community-engaged learning opportunities to apply knowledge outside of the classroom.
4. Being The First programming for first-generation students, provides academic support and community-building opportunities
5. Provide alumnae mentoring, individualized career counseling and networking opportunities to support success during and after college.



# Transfer Pathways and guaranteed admission?

Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College

*Guaranteed admission for students meeting a 2.8 GPA, 60 transferable semester credits and an approved academic plan.*

**Step 1.** After enrolling at the Peralta College of your choice, meet with your transfer counselor to create your official academic plan. With help from your counselor, you'll:

- \* Choose your Mills major.
- \* Decide if you want to earn a two-year associate's degree on your way to earning a bachelor's degree at Mills.
- \* Decide if you want to take advantage of our specialized pathways that enable you to earn a master's degree in business, education, or public policy with just **1** additional year at Mills.
- \* Plan your overall course schedule.
- \* Determine when you want to enroll at Mills.

**Step 2.** Your transfer counselor will submit your completed plan to the Mills College Office of Admissions.

**Step 3.** Once we've reviewed and approved your academic plan, we'll ask you to fill out our Undergraduate Application Intent Form to declare the term (fall or spring) and year when you intend to enroll at Mills. Submitting this form completes the admission process and officially holds your spot at Mills. You'll be guaranteed admission as long as you fulfill the academic requirements included in your academic plan.



# The Mills Promise and Funding

## **Oakland Unified School District**

3.2 GPA – Mills College guaranteed \$7000

Completion of FAFSA or Dream Act Application

African American Female Excellence & Latina Excellence Scholarships

## **Oakland Promise – East Bay College Fund**

3.2 GPA – Mills College guaranteed \$7000

Recipient of the East Bay College Fund \$4000 – East Bay College Fund Scholarship Application

Completion of FAFSA



# Affording your Mills Education

## Sample Financial Aid Award: Example A (living at home)

High School student, recipient of Cal Grant, Pell Grant, FSEOG, and Mills College Promise Scholarship

\$29,340	2019-20 Tuition ( <b>fall and spring semester</b> )
<u>\$1,527</u>	2019-20 Required Fees
<b>\$30,867</b>	<b>2019-20 Total Tuition and Fees</b>
\$7,000	Mills College Promise Scholarship
\$9,084	Cal Grant A award (subject to change)
\$6,195	Maximum Pell Grant (subject to change)
<u>\$4000</u>	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (FSEOG) (subject to change)
<b>\$26,279</b>	<b>Award Total</b>
<b>\$4588</b>	<b>*Tuition and Fees Balance (fall and spring semester)</b>
<b>Bottom Line:</b>	<b>\$458.80/month: 10 month payment plan (not including origination fee)</b>



# Affording your Mills Education

## Sample Financial Aid Award: Example B (living at home)

High School student, recipient of Cal Grant, Pell Grant, FSEOG, Mills College Promise Scholarship, and East Bay College Fund (Oakland Promise Partnership)

\$29,340	2019-20 Tuition ( <b>fall and spring semester</b> )
<u>\$1,527</u>	2019-20 Required Fees
<b>\$30,867</b>	<b>2019-20 Total Tuition and Fees</b>
\$7,000	Mills College Promise Scholarship
\$9,084	Cal Grant A award (subject to change)
\$6,195	Maximum Pell Grant (Students with a zero Expected Family Contribution receive this amount. Subject to change)
\$4,000	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (FSEOG)
<u>\$4,000</u>	East Bay College Fund
<b>\$30,279</b>	<b>Award Total</b>
<b>\$588.00</b>	<b>*Tuition and Fees Balance (fall and spring semester)</b>
<b>Bottom Line:</b>	<b>\$58.80/month : 10 month payment plan (not including origination fee)</b>

# Partnerships in the Making

## High School Partnerships:

- Richmond Unified School District
- Berkeley Unified School District
- West Contra Costa Unified School District
- Alameda Unified School District

## Community College Partnerships:

- Peralta Community College District
- Contra Costa Community College District
- San Mateo Community College District
- Foothill/DeAnza Community College District
- College of Marin



# Partnerships in the making

## **University of California, Berkeley**

- 3+2 Engineering
- Summer Study Abroad
- Global Internships
- Cross-registration
- Housing



# Questions?

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