

Introduction to Community Service at UCLA

With 40,000 undergraduates and thousands of student-run clubs, navigating extracurriculars at UCLA can be overwhelming. There are hundreds of community service clubs on campus and a handful of umbrella organizations and institutions that support those clubs. Below is a brief breakdown of community service at UCLA with accompanying links to get involved and learn more.

Community Programs Office Student Association (CPOSA)

The [Community Programs Office Student Association \(CPOSA\)](#) is a student-led administrative body that provides guidance and support to the twenty four student-initiated, student-run community service projects that make up the Community Service Learning Center. CPOSA also advocates on their behalf to University administration and key members of influence within the local community, the state and beyond.

Student Initiated Outreach Center (SIOC)

The [Student Initiated Outreach Center \(SIOC\)](#) was created in the spring of 1998 as a means of funding student-initiated, student run outreach and access programs. SIOC works at student's individual levels to empower them to take their academic and life goals into their own hands. There are seven projects in the Student Initiated Outreach Center that administer services to over a thousand service recipients in the Los Angeles metropolitan region.

Community Service Commission (CSC)

As the community service focused office of UCLA student government (USAC), the [Community Service Commission \(CSC\)](#) serves both as an umbrella organization for 33 student-run service projects, and a center for the service efforts of the campus community, using large-scale service programming, and advocacy & awareness initiatives to engage UCLA students in service.

UCLA's Mother Organizations

The Mother Organization coalition is a coalition of student organizations housed at the Community Programs Office created in response to the low numbers of students from historically underrepresented communities at UCLA. The coalition includes the American Indian Student Association, Asian Pacific Coalition, MEChA de UCLA, Muslim

Student Association, Pacific Islands' Student Association, Queer Alliance, Samahang Pilipino, and the Vietnamese Student Union.

Independent Orgs

In addition to the community service organizations affiliated with the above umbrella groups and institutions, there are many independent, student-led community service organizations. A list of independent organizations at UCLA can be found on the CSC Resource Guide.

UCLA Volunteer Center

The [UCLA Volunteer Center](#) is the administrative arm of community service on campus. The Center coordinates service activities on campus and throughout Greater Los Angeles to inspire members of the extended UCLA family to give of their time and talent. As part of the Student Affairs division, the Center strives to make a positive impact upon UCLA and the Greater Los Angeles community.