



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is SoCal CAN Changemakers about?

*SoCal CAN Changemakers, is a fellowship program designed to improve California's colleges and universities by uplifting student voices in policy discussions. Fellows will have hands-on experience learning how to be an effective advocate and executing advocacy campaigns. Changemakers will build knowledge around the issues impacting today's students, and develop the skills and strategies to pursue policy change.*

### 2. Who is eligible to apply?

Candidates should meet the following criteria:

- a. Be a student, in good academic standing, enrolled at a public higher-ed college or university in California
- b. Priority will be given to students affiliated with a SoCal CAN program, but ALL are encouraged to apply
- c. Expected graduation on or after 2023
- d. Demonstrate a passion to advocate for students
- e. Motivated to make a difference

### 3. How do I know whether I am part of a SoCal CAN member organization?

Check the following website <http://socalcollegeaccess.org/members/> If you have been part of any of the organizations listed please indicate in your application on question number 15.

### 4. How many changemakers will be selected?

*We are looking for 20 students to become Changemakers. Students will be selected from across California.*

### 5. Will students be compensated?

*Students will be compensated for their participation in the program. Each student will receive a \$2000 stipend, in two installments.*

### 6. How long is the fellowship?

*The fellowship is a 12-month program and will run until December 2022 The fellowship is divided into two phases: Skill building and implementation of advocacy campaigns.*

### 7. Do I need previous advocacy experience?

*Previous experience is not required. This opportunity is designed to catapult students into leadership roles within their respective college campus and communities.*

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**8. What issues will be addressed?**

*While we will contextualize and present on major issues facing college students today, the issue areas will be aligned with SoCal CAN's Policy Agenda. Students will have an opportunity to research specific issues they care about and seek solutions to said issues on their respective college campuses.*

**9. What does it mean to be a Changemaker?**

*We like to think of Changemakers as people who can see the patterns around them, identify problems in any situation, figure out ways to solve the problem, organize fluid teams, lead collective action and then continually adapt as situations change.*

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