

**READING, ADVISING, & MENTORING PROGRAM  
TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
CAL POLY POMONA**

**2024–25 RAMP GRANT APPLICATION**

**Deadline:** Friday, February 28, 2025 by 4:00 pm

RAMP Grant is an opportunity for eligible participants to supplement their Pell Grant. Depending on the number of applications, it is possible that not all applicants will receive an award. No more than 28 participants will receive the grant. To be eligible to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- freshman or sophomore standing
- receiving a Pell Grant
- have an unmet financial need of at least \$767\*
- enrolled full-time (12 units per semester)
- good academic standing (by the end of fall 2024 semester)
- no INC/W/WU in any fall 2024 courses

*Please verify that you meet all of the above criteria before you submit your application.\*\**

*\*If you have an unmet need of less than \$767, you will need to work with a financial aid counselor to determine if you can adjust your budget or reduce your loan to qualify for the RAMP Grant.*

*\*\*If you are selected to receive the RAMP Grant and have the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS), the California Student Aid Commission will re-evaluate your MCS, which can result in a reduction of your MCS.*

*If you would like to discuss your situation or have questions, please meet with a RAMP staff member as soon as possible.*

Carefully read the application instructions. There are several required activities and an essay prompt.  
**You cannot apply without completing all requirements by the deadline.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BRONCO ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**REQUIRED ACTIVITIES**

**10 RAMP Tutorial Sessions** (enter date attended; your RAMP advisor will confirm your attendance)

Unexcused absences or “no shows” for tutorial sessions will negatively affect your application score.

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

**4 RAMP Events** (enter date attended; your RAMP advisor will confirm your attendance)

With the exception of peer mentoring, events take place during U-hour; please plan accordingly.

<b>Professional Spotlight</b> Oct 24	<b>Group Peer Mentoring Session</b> Sign up with your tutor or email ramp@cpp.edu
<b>First-Gen Crew (F), Unwritten Rules (F), or First-Generation College Student Panel (Sp)</b> Oct 8, Oct 22, Nov 5, Nov 19; Nov 6; Feb 18, Feb 25	<b>Financial Aid OR Financial Literacy Workshop</b> Information on RAMP website under Events; see dates on the following pages

**2 RAMP Advisor Meetings** (enter advisor name & date attended; your RAMP advisor will confirm)

Fall 2024 Advisor: _____ Date: _____	Spring 2025 Advisor: _____ Date: _____
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**ESSAY PROMPT**

*Our identities are shaped by various factors, such as race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, culture, socioeconomic background, education, age, abilities, and citizenship status. These intersecting identities influence our beliefs, experiences, and perspectives. Reflect on your own overlapping identities and discuss how they have shaped your life and worldview up to this point.*

## **ESSAY GUIDELINES**

- Meet with a Writing Center or EOP tutor to review a draft of your essay. Obtain a stamp or signature as proof of attending the appointment; submit the draft with your application.
- Revise your essay. Essays that demonstrate substantive revision beyond the first draft and feedback received will receive higher scores.
- Your final essay needs to be 300-500 words, double-spaced, have one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font.

## **ESSAY SCORING CRITERIA**

- Fully addressed the prompt
- Expressed thoughtful, fully developed ideas
- Attended Writing Center or EOP tutoring and demonstrated effort in revision
- Followed the specified format

In addition to your essay, your fall GPA and number of no shows from RAMP tutorial sessions will be factored into your final application score.

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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Grant application
  - Fill out the application completely
- 10 RAMP Tutorials
  - RAMP tutorial appointments attended fall and spring prior to the deadline including reading, graduate test prep, graduate school prep, and peer coaching
- Professional Spotlight (10/24/2024)
- Group Peer Mentoring Session (offered weeks 9-12 during fall)
- First-Gen Event (attend at least 1)
  - Fall First-Gen Crew meeting (10/8, 10/22, 11/5, or 11/19)
  - Unwritten Rules: First-Gen's Guide to Success (11/6)
  - First-Generation College Student Panel (2/18 or 2/25)
- Financial Aid, Financial Literacy, or Academic Success Workshop (attend at least 1)
  - Making the Most of the Career Fair (9 (9/10)
  - Financial Aid Basics (9/17)
  - Savings & Budget (10/1)
  - Understanding Your Credit Score (10/24)
  - Exploring Scholarships (11/14)
  - Graduate School 101 (11/21)
  - Spring dates TBD
- 2 Advisor Meetings
  - Fall Advisor Meeting
  - Spring Advisor Meeting
- Essay (put your name and BID on your draft and final essay)
  - Address the prompt
  - Well-developed essay
  - Draft with Writing Center or EOP feedback and proof of attendance (stamp, screenshot of online appt, or tutor signature)
  - Demonstrated effort in revising between initial draft and final essay
  - Double-spaced
  - 1-inch margins
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