



Undergraduate Education **Food Studies**

The Marcie Rothman Centennial Scholars Undergraduate Scholarship

The Marcie Rothman Centennial Scholars Undergraduate Scholarship was established to support students in the Food Studies minor with their academic and research endeavors at UCLA. The recipient(s) must be enrolled in the undergraduate Food Studies minor and demonstrate financial need and/or merit. This scholarship is awarded annually to one or more Food Studies minors. It aims to foster the enrichment and reach of Food Studies as an area of interdisciplinary study, including research and practice related to cultural dimensions of food systems and culinary traditions, public health, nutrition, sustainability, ecology, food activism, and social and environmental justice.

Amount: up to \$7,800 (one award or split into two awards)

Criteria: Recipients of the Marcie Rothman Centennial Scholars Undergraduate Scholarship are Food Studies minor students who demonstrate passion for their interests and pursuits and academic achievement in the field of Food Studies and/or financial need.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

1. Be in good academic standing and;
2. Be admitted to the UCLA Food Studies minor.

NOTE to non-Food Studies minors: Students who are not yet admitted to the minor may submit their application to the minor at the same time as their application for the scholarship—but their scholarship application will only be reviewed once admission to the minor is confirmed.

Application Instructions:

1. In a single PDF document, submit the following items before or on the deadline:
 - a. [A complete scholarship application form](#)
 - b. A current resume that highlights professional experience and extracurricular activities as well as community service and/or volunteer experiences
 - c. A short essay of 500 words (2 pages double spaced) or less that answers the following question:

Describe your experience in the Food Studies Minor and how it has informed your passions and interests in cultivating a healthier, more sustainable, and equitable world. Include how the knowledge and tools learned in the Food Studies Minor contribute to the direction of your academic career, future plans, and to the field of food studies.

Save the PDF in the following format:

- LastName, FirstName.pdf
Ex. Frenk, Julio.pdf
2. Obtain a copy of your unofficial transcript and save it in the following format:
 - LastName_FirstName_Transcript.pdf
Ex: Frenk_Julio_Transcript.pdf
 3. Email your application materials to the Marcie Rothman Scholarship Committee at 2026_20.dvcx0fqlteot2e3r@u.box.com. Your application materials will be automatically uploaded to a drive once they are received.
 4. You will receive a confirmation email for each file when your application materials have been successfully uploaded.

Application Deadline: Monday, October 19, 2026 at 11:59PM

Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

The 2026-2027 recipient(s) will be announced at the end of fall quarter and featured on the [Food Studies website](#).

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About Marcie H. Rothman: *Marcie H. Rothman grew up in Los Angeles surrounded by good cooks, fresh seasonal produce, and hundreds of restaurants full of the ethnic cuisines that have inspired her throughout her career. She studied cooking with such notables as Wolfgang Puck and Ken Hom, and was a longtime member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, the San Francisco Professional Food Society and Toastmasters International. She continues to support the International Slow Food Movement. During her career, Rothman took great interest in the notion of creating healthy and delicious meals that are also affordable and accessible to all. This led to the development of the "The \$5 Chef," a weekly television show where Rothman impressed viewers with her uncanny ability to put seasonal foods together into quick, delicious \$5 meals. She is the author of two cookbooks as "The \$5 Chef."*

Rothman received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA and later completed the Executive Program at the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management. She has extensive experience on the boards of non-profit organizations and is extremely excited to help foster the academic advancement of the field by supporting Food Studies minors in their studies. With this generous gift to UCLA's Food Studies program, students are able to share Rothman's passion for food, and dedicate themselves to understanding and improving its production, preparation, sharing, access, consumption, and disposal.