

Guide for Undocumented and Immigrant Students

Welcome to Queens College

About Queens College

QC has entered its eighth decade with a revitalized campus, rising enrollment and a clear vision for the future: To offer a first-rate education to talented people of all backgrounds and means. Academic programs are organized into four divisions offering both day and evening courses: Arts and Humanities, Mathematics and the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Education. Queens College participates in CUNY's Macaulay Honors College and also offers qualified students its own honors programs. Notable courses of study include speech pathology, neuroscience, education, music and the creative writing MFA.

Immigrant Student Support Initiative

The Immigrant Student Support Initiative at Queens College offers robust services to students, regardless of their immigration status. We are available to meet with undocumented and immigrant students virtually or in-person. Current Queens College students can schedule an appointment via [Navigate App](#) and logging in. Prospective Queens College students and their families may make an appointment with the Immigrant Student Support Initiative via [Calendly](#) (www.calendly.com/qcimmigrantsupport). **Appointments available in English and Spanish**

We provide these services:

- Queens College application support
- Guidance in accessing in-state tuition
- Assistance understanding financial aid
- Help identifying scholarships opportunities
- Information about professional development.
- For **legal assistance**, we invite you get and appointment with **CUNY Citizenship Now!** (Number for QC students: 646-347-4774)

If you are interested in receiving more information and updates about services, resources, and support available to the immigrant community, subscribe to our newsletter:

www.immigrantsupport.substack.com and visit our Virtual Board: padlet.com/iqc04122/qcimmigrantsupport

The Immigrant Student Support Initiative is located in King Hall, room 213. You can reach a staff member by telephone at 718-997-3990 or by email at immigrantsupport@qc.cuny.edu.

For more information, please visit our webpage: www.qc.cuny.edu/immi

Immigrant Liaisons:



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Carla is a Communications Consultant with experience in education, human rights, and mental health projects. She holds a MA in Media Studies and Social Justice at Queens College. As a proud Peruvian and immigrant in the US, Carla knows firsthand the challenges that students face in pursuing educational and professional opportunities and is committed to supporting them in having a great collegiate experience at Queens College.

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Nancy (Ann) Casey,
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Nancy completed her undergraduate degree at Fordham University, followed by a master's degree in urban affairs at Queens College. She has been an academic advisor at the college since 2005. Nancy splits her time between the Academic Advising Center and the Office of Honors and Scholarship.

Scholarships for Undocumented and Immigrant Students

Privately funded scholarships at CUNY are available to all students regardless of immigration status in accordance with policy outlined by the Office of General Counsel in a 2018 memo. Visit [Queens College's scholarship webpage \(https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/ohs/\)](https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/ohs/) to learn more.

Queens College also offers the following scholarships and assistance:

- **TheDream.US National Scholarship** is provided through Queens College's partnership with TheDream.US Foundation and is available to eligible undocumented students, with or without DACA. www.thedream.us/scholarships/national-scholarship/
- **The Helping Students Strive for Success Scholarship** is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. It is not exclusively for undocumented students, but preference is given to undocumented students. Available in the QC Scholarship website
- **The Hispanic Federation Dreamer's Scholarship and Support Fund** is proud to provide support funds to aid eligible Queens College's undocumented and immigrant students through tuition support or grocery assistance. In continuing its commitment to serving and supporting New York City's young immigrant student population, the Hispanic Federation selects eligible students to receive either \$500 in tuition support or grocery assistance. Students receive updates of this scholarship in their QC student email.
- **The Carroll and Milton Petrie Student Emergency Grant** provides quick-response emergency grants to students in good academic standing who are experiencing personal emergencies. Undocumented and immigrant students are eligible to apply for this assistance. www.qc.cuny.edu/sl/student-emergency-grant/

Undocu-Friendly Resources

Services and supports that are open to all students and do not ask for immigration status or Social Security number.

- **The Knights Table Food Pantry** allows students to pick up free grocery and pantry items, regardless of their immigration status. www.qc.cuny.edu/sdl/food-pantry/
- **CREAR Futuros**, which means "to create futures" in Spanish, is a peer mentor-based initiative designed to improve Latinx student success at Queens College. Undocumented and immigrant students are welcomed to participate in the program, regardless of their immigration status. www.qc.cuny.edu/student-affairs-enrollment-management/crear-futuros/

Career/Internship Opportunities

Undocumented students can access non-wage stipends and experiential learning fellowship regardless of immigration status. If you've been awarded one of these opportunities, and are having trouble accessing the funds, please contact your liaison or email ImmigrantStudents@cuny.edu. If you have any questions about what a non-wage stipend is please visit cuny.edu/undocu

- **The Dream.US Internship Funding Program**, in partnership with Queens College, provides internship funds for Dream.US scholars, with and without work authorization. Internships enable TheDream.US scholars to gain and demonstrate skills, explore career paths, build their networks and earn payment for their internship experience. <https://www.qc.cuny.edu/immi/the-dream-us/>
- **Internship stipend funds** are provided by the [Center for Career Engagement and Internships](#) to undergraduate and graduate students who are participating in unpaid internships in the arts, education, public service, non-profit agencies, and other industries that do not traditionally pay their interns. Eligible students, regardless of immigration status, who are engaged in unpaid internships/research receive a one-time \$2,550 financial award. Visit www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/cei/career-students/
- **The Queens College Tech Incubator** provides resources for entrepreneurs in tech, AI, and digital services: mentorships, training, and legal and patent support. Students can follow @qctechincubator on Instagram or visit techincubatorqc.com to review upcoming events and opportunities.
- Undocumented students and immigrant students without work authorization can learn more about what professional development opportunities are available with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) by visiting the Immigrant Student Support Initiative's [Professional Development for Undocumented and Immigrant Students webpage](#).

Dream Team

- Queens College is in the process of re-establishing its Dream Team. If you are interested in being a club member or student leader for the Dream Team, please email contact the Immigrant Student Support Initiative at immigrantsupport@qc.cuny.edu.