The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Cal Maritime is designed to support the access, retention, and graduation of students from historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. EOP provides students with social, academic, and financial assistance from university admission to commencement.

Cal Maritime offers degrees that lead to high-demand careers in the maritime, transportation, and related industries.

Students participate in the Academy’s Corps of Cadets, developing self-discipline, self-esteem, and leadership skills.

Graduates achieve confirmed placement of 94% into careers or graduate programs within three months of graduation.

Average salary of Cal Maritime alumni 10 years after enrollment is the highest of any public university in California.
EOP Admissions

Notification of admission to Cal Maritime and admission to EOP are two separate steps. Interested students may apply to EOP at Cal Maritime via Cal State Apply when they complete their application to the University. The EOP application deadline is January 15. In addition, two recommendation forms must be received by the EOP office by January 31 for consideration by the Review Committee.

Applicants will be notified of their selection status by mid-March. Admission to the campus does not guarantee admission to EOP, nor does admission to EOP guarantee admission to Cal Maritime.

Who Should Apply to EOP?

California residents and eligible AB 540 students who meet the income eligibility index can apply for EOP. However, due to space and resource limitations, all eligible students may not be accepted to EOP. Please note that, if you are an Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP&S) student at a community college, you will not automatically be an EOP student at Cal Maritime and must apply for EOP.

For income eligibility information, please visit csum.edu/eop

EOP Advising

Each EOP student is assigned an EOP staff member who assists them in setting and achieving their academic and personal goals.

Tutoring

EOP students have priority access to tutorial assistance in most general education classes and in lower- and upper-division major classes. Tutors help students prepare for exams, develop learning strategies, and gain better comprehension of their coursework.

Academic and Career Skill Development

EOP offers workshops throughout the course of the academic year to support participants in developing success skills to benefit them in the classroom and beyond. Whether it’s studying more efficiently or finding an internship, workshops help EOP students acquire important competencies.

Peer Mentoring

All incoming EOP students are assigned peer mentors. The peer mentor is a crucial resource for guiding students through their first academic year.

EOP Grants and Scholarships

EOP students who meet eligibility requirements may be awarded EOP grant funding. EOP students are also encouraged to apply for scholarship opportunities that recognize their academic achievement and leadership.

Summer Bridge Program

Summer Bridge is a five-day pre-orientation program that allows incoming EOP first-time freshmen to become familiar with the university campus and resources, build a community of support, and make the transition to life at Cal Maritime.

HOW TO APPLY

• Fill out the CSU application for Cal Maritime. Go to calstate.edu/apply to apply online. Check “Yes” when asked if you wish to apply for EOP. Fill out the necessary suplemental information, including the autobiographical statement.

• You will be asked to provide the names and e-mail addresses of two individuals (not friends or family members) who can recommend you for EOP. They will be sent the recommendation questions by e-mail and can submit their recommendations online. Alternately, you can request a paper application and recommendation forms by emailing eop@csum.edu.

• Complete the FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.ed.gov or, if eligible, the California Dream Act Application at dream.csac.ca.gov by March 2. Need assistance? Contact Cal Maritime Financial Aid at finaid@csum.edu or (707) 654-1287.