Dear Student,

Welcome to UC Merced! Whether you are exploring college options or have decided to attend UC Merced, Student Accessibility Services is here to help you. We work to ensure undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities have equal access to full participation in academic and campus life. As you look at our logo at the top of this page, you will see a series of open frames as part of the design. We believe every student brings a unique frame to their success story at UC Merced and we work to support our students’ unique journeys and goals. Below are some highlights of our program that may help you with your decision making or success journey.

**Integrated Services:** As part of the Calvin E. Bright Success Center, students in our program have direct access to a wide range of academic support services, including tutoring, mentoring, skill building workshops and co-curricular experiences. We also work closely with partners in housing, dining, counseling and advising, among others.

**Interactive Process:** Through an interactive process, we meet to discuss your needs, evaluate your documentation and answer your questions to help you manage course requirements and use educational tools. We also consult with your faculty to integrate accommodations in the classroom environment.

**Accommodation Management:** Students can manage their accommodations, make requests, and communicate with Student Accessibility Services staff through an online portal at any time.

**Next Steps for Your Success:** Once you have decided to enroll in UC Merced and submitted your SIR, we encourage you to visit our website and submit the Accommodation Inquiry and Request Form so we can begin the interactive process. If you have documentation, you are encouraged to send or deliver it to us prior to your appointment for review.

The Calvin E. Bright Success Center motto is “What is your success story?” We look forward in helping you craft your story of success!

Sincerely,

James W.G. Barnes, Associate Director of Learning Support and Engagement