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University of California, Merced
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We are pleased to inform you that your recent request for designation as an eligible institution under Title III and Title V programs of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEA), is approved. Subject to the specific program requirements, your institution may apply for a new grant under any of the Title III and Title V programs.

As a result of receiving this designation, your institution is also eligible for a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements under the Federal Work Study Program (FWS), the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG), and the TRIO Student Support Services Program under Title IV of the HEA, as well as the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program authorized by Title VI of the HEA.* The eligibility for a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements applies for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2017. The offices within the Department of Education that administer those specific programs will handle the waiver of the cost sharing. You must apply for eligibility designation annually.

*NOTE: Branch campuses are not eligible for the waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements.

Please retain this letter as evidence of your eligibility and for an adequate audit trail.

If you have questions concerning this designation, please contact Christopher Smith at Christopher.Smith@ed.gov or (202) 453-7946 or Jason Cottrell, Ph.D. at Jason.Cottrell@ed.gov or (202) 453-7530. If you have questions concerning the waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements for FWS or FSEOG, please contact the Campus-Based Call Center at CBFOB@ed.gov or (877) 801-7168.

Sincerely,

James E. Laws, Jr., Ed.D.
Director, Strengthening Institutions Program