



## **CSAC APPEAL CERTIFICATION FORM**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this form is to certify institutions, who have lost eligibility during the certification process, and wish to appeal with the commission in accordance with California Education Code 69432.7. Use this form to determine if your institution is qualified to appeal based on your cohort default rate and/or graduation rate.

**Instructions:** Please make sure all fields are completed. If qualified, send this form with a formal letter of request to appeal along with supporting documents. If you select NO at any point, your institution is not qualified to appeal. If you determine your institution is not qualified based on this form, no further action is required.

Institution Name:

OPE ID:

Contact Name:

Phone:

Email:

### **Please certify and complete the following:**

1. My institution remains eligible for Title IV programs:      Yes      No
2. My institution's cohort in question is 20 students or less for academic year 2020 (Grad Rate)<sup>1</sup> and 2017 (Cohort Default Rate):      Yes      No
3. My overall institution Grad Rate for academic year is above 30%:      Yes      No      N/A
4. The number of students that are listed on your roster for the current academic year:
5. The number of students that have received payment on your roster for the current academic year:
6. Attach a formal letter of appeal on school letterhead and include supporting documentation that you will use for your appeal.

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<sup>1</sup> Grad Rate cohort is based on first time, full time students who graduate within 150% of normal time.



I understand the commission is bound by the California Education Code 69432.7 and related regulations and is not permitted to make any exceptions for any reason for institutions that do not meet the statutory criteria for granting an appeal.      Yes      No

Print Name and Title:

Date:

Signature:

(Should be signed by the official who signed the Institutional Participation Agreement)



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Date: 12/15/2021

Address: California Student Aid Commission

Subject: Cal Grant Ineligibility Appeal

Dear: Commission

This is an appeal letter to request the reinstatement of Cal Grant eligibility for 2022-2023. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) reported for the 2019-2020 IPEDS graduation rate (Fall 2014 cohort rate first-time, full-time degree seeking students (FTFT) graduating in less than 150% of normal program length) a graduation rate of 0%, based on a cohort of 1 student in this category. This international student returned to his home country later in that year, and never completed his degree at CDU. As eligibility for Cal Grants requires that a school maintain at least a 30% graduation rate for this category of student, we expect that under normal circumstances, this would affect our Cal Grant for this coming year. However, CSAC rules include a provision that if the cohort is small and does not represent the overall undergraduate population, that this requirement may be waived. On this basis, we are asking to retain our Cal Grant eligibility regardless of the outcome for this graduating cohort.

The one FTFT undergraduate represents 3% of our incoming full-time undergraduates in that year. The overall full-time undergraduate cohort was 33 students (88% of whom were from racially/ethnically underrepresented categories), and the graduation rate for those students was 73% (see trend data below). Therefore, the FTFT student represents a small cohort, and is not representative of the overall outcomes of our undergraduate students.

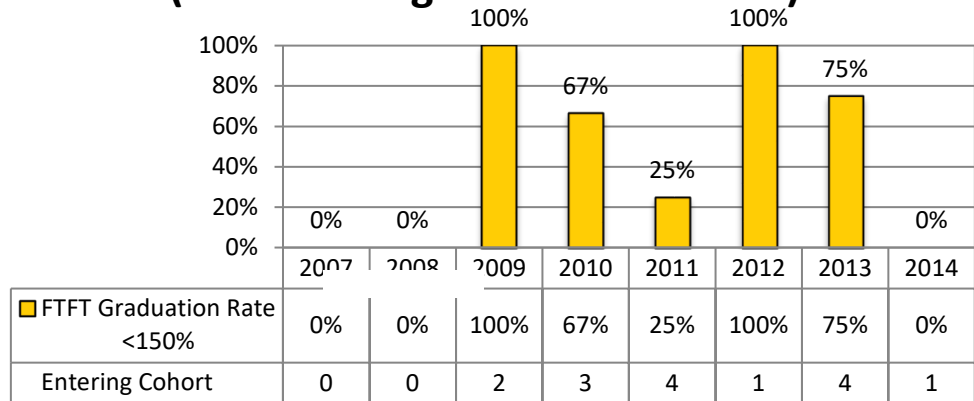
Charles R. Drew University only began admitting first-time undergraduate students in 2009, and admitted very few of these students. CDU began a 3 year hiatus in admitting first-time, full-time undergraduates in 2014 in order to redesign our undergraduate programs to better serve these students (rather than transfer students, which had previous been the focus of the programs). The single FTFT student in Fall 2014 had been a prior admit who deferred his enrollment to 2014, despite our intention to not enroll FTFT students that year. For 2015 and 2016, CDU enrolled no FTFT students, before reopening our undergraduate programs to FTFT students in 2017 (when 16 were admitted).

On the basis of the small cohort (1 student) making up only 3% of our undergraduate cohort of 33 students, and which does not represent our overall undergraduate outcomes (73% graduation rate), we request that the California Student Aid Commission grant a waiver of the graduation rate requirement for the Cal Grant eligibility to CDU for this coming year.

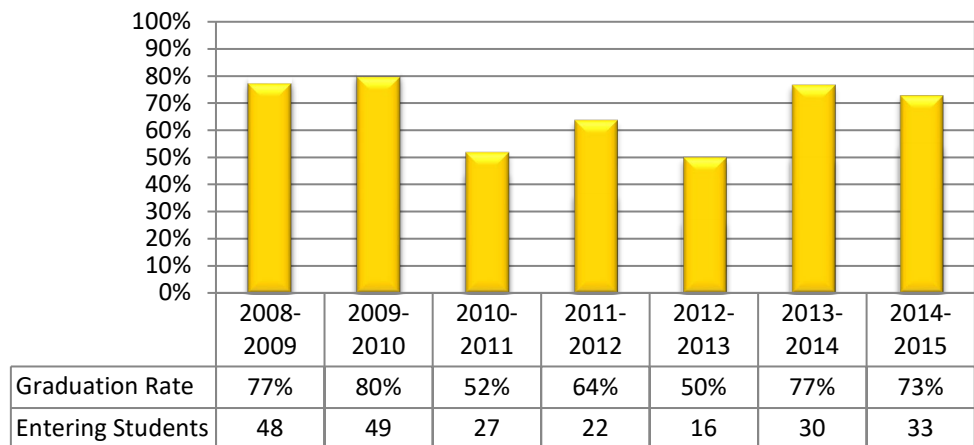
Respectfully yours,

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**Graduation Rate in <150% of Program Length for  
First-Time, Full-Time Fall Bachelor's  
Seeking Undergraduates  
("Student Right-To-Know" Rate)**



**Full-time Undergraduate Graduation  
Rate  
in Less than 150% of Program length**



**UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION HISTORY**

<b>ENTERING COHORT</b>	<b>FTFT, Fall</b>	<b>FTFT as % of FT undergraduates</b>	<b>FTFT 150% Grad Rate</b>	<b>Full-time undergraduates</b>	<b>Full-time 150% grad rate</b>
<b>2008-2009</b>	0	0%		48	77%
<b>2009-2010</b>	2	4%	100%	49	80%
<b>2010-2011</b>	3	11%	67%	27	52%
<b>2011-2012</b>	4	18%	25%	22	64%
<b>2012-2013</b>	1	6%	100%	16	50%
<b>2013-2014</b>	4	13%	75%	30	77%
<b>2014-2015</b>	1	3%	0%	33	73%
<b>2015-2016</b>	0	0%	N/A	40	N/A
<b>2016-2017</b>	0	0%	N/A	51	N/A
<b>2017-2018</b>	16	16%	N/A	97	N/A
<b>2018-2019</b>	27	32%	N/A	85	N/A
<b>2019-2020</b>	11	13%	N/A	83	N/A