



Student Worker Guidelines

2025-2026 Academic Year
(Effective August 17, 2025 – May 09, 2026)

WHEN TO BEGIN

All Oxy students are encouraged to begin their job search as soon as possible in order to maximize the opportunity for their student earnings. **All earnings during the period of August 17, 2025 through May 09, 2026 will be applied towards a student's earnings balance, including earnings acquired during winter, spring and fall breaks.**

IMPORTANT

It is your responsibility to monitor your student earnings. Once you have earned the full amount of your student earnings for the academic year, you will need to notify your supervisor and make arrangements with your supervisor to finalize your student employment assignment.

You will be notified when you are close to exhausting your student earnings cap. You may contact the Financial Aid Office at any time if you have a work award and wish to check your earnings balance at finaid@oxy.edu. All student workers will receive a bi-weekly email notifying them of their student earnings balance.

WORK ELIGIBILITY

ALL Occidental College students or International Student status are eligible to work through the student employment program EXCEPT those who meet any of the following conditions:

- Students who have not completed a Form I-9.
- Foreign students without a work permit or work authorization.
- Students who have not applied for a Social Security Number.
- Students who are enrolled less than halftime *or* who have withdrawn *or* graduated *or* who are on academic suspension.

BEING HIRED AT OXY

IMPORTANT: As of **July 1, 2025**, the minimum wage has increased to **\$17.87** per hour in the city of Los Angeles. Applying the College's standing formula, the annual earnings cap is accordingly increased to **\$5,360** for the 2025-26 academic year. Students may hold more than one job on campus. Please note, however, that the annual earnings cap includes combined earnings from all positions held by one student. If you would like to plan for consistent hours throughout the academic year, you would reach the earnings cap by working for 10 hours per week at minimum wage for 30 weeks (throughout the academic year).

If you have questions regarding your federal or oxy work award, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@oxy.edu.

*****When searching for a job, complete the steps below in order*****

Step 1: Check Available Jobs

Student employment positions are posted & updated on the Student Employment Website at <https://www.oxy.edu/offices-services/human-resources/student-employment> and on the bulletin board outside the Human Resources Office.

Step 2: Apply for the Position

Download and complete the updated student employment application from the website and submit the application to the department(s) where you wish to work. A separate application is required for each position in which you apply and some departments may require a supplemental departmental application.

Step 3: Complete Employment Forms

As part of the “Student Employment New Hire Packet” you will need to complete a **Form I-9** and **Tax forms** (State & Federal) if you have never worked on campus.

The **Form I-9** requires that you provide appropriate documentation to prove your identity & eligibility to work in the United States. You will be asked to present **ORIGINAL** documents in person to Human Resources.

For a complete list of acceptable documents, please visit our Student Employment website.

Students may request the “Student Employment New Hire Packet” via email at studentemployment@oxy.edu or report to the Human Resources Office.

Step 4: Completion of Timesheets

It is the responsibility of the student to submit their timesheets online according to the payroll schedule listed on the student employment website. Submission of late timesheets may result in delayed payment.

TIMEKEEPING GUIDELINES

Per Wage and Hour law employees must be in compliance with the following areas:

Rest and Meal Periods

- All hourly student workers who work an eight-hour shift are allowed two 15-minute rest periods per shift, one within each four-hour period of work. These breaks may not be combined or added to any employee’s meal period, or be used to cover late arrivals or early departures. Rest periods are provided on College-paid time.
- Unpaid meal periods from 30 to 60 minutes are provided for each non-exempt employee who works over five hours in one shift. The meal period must not be taken more than five hours after the beginning of the employee’s shift. Non-exempt employees are required to record the beginning and end of their meal periods on their time sheets or Kronos record.

Timekeeping Records

- Consequently, employees must record the time they begin and end work each day, the beginning and end of each meal period, and the beginning and end of any split shift or call back assignment.

- College policy requires that the actual hours worked for each day of the week are recorded, and that the employee submits the time sheet.
- In order to comply with audit regulations, time sheets must be submitted by the employee and be approved by the supervisors no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Monday following the close of the biweekly pay period.

Overtime

- We do not recommend that students work overtime hours. Overtime is incurred when an employee works more than 8 hours in a workday and 40 hours in a workweek.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Please read these guidelines carefully and keep for future reference.

For further information, please visit our Student Employment Website at <https://www.oxy.edu/offices-services/human-resources/student-employment>

For any inquires please send an email to studentemployment@oxy.edu.