The Donald A. Strauss Foundation annually selects 10-15 emerging leaders from 14 pre-selected California colleges and universities to receive $15,000 each and mentoring support. Recipients will implement a high-impact project in public service or social change (anywhere in the world) throughout the course of their junior or senior year. Projects should be innovative, sustainable in future years, and engage the participation of others.

**Eligibility**

- Be a full-time sophomore or junior.
- Be ranked in the top 1/3 of his or her class (approximately a 3.3 GPA or above)
- Students of any citizenship status may apply (U.S. citizens, DACA/AB540, U.S. permanent residents, U.S. nationals, and international students)
- In addition to meeting the requirements above, strong Strauss candidates will have a demonstrated interest in public service and show outstanding leadership potential. Projects should be focused on social change/public service/social entrepreneurship, and connect with the applicant’s passion/life experience.

**Application Process**

UC Davis may nominate up to three (3) proposals to the Strauss Foundation. Applicants must submit all required documents below by the campus deadline for consideration.

- **Important Dates:**
  - Application Opens: September 1, 2020
  - Campus Deadline: February 1, 2021
- **Required documents:**
  - Project Proposal (4 pages)
  - Transcripts
  - Resume (1 page)
  - Personal Essay (1 page)
  - Two (2) recommendations/letter of support
- **Application documents are available at:** [https://www.straussfoundation.org/apply](https://www.straussfoundation.org/apply)

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