**University of California essays:**

***Write your responses to the personal insight questions in advance Think of the personal insight questions as your chance to tell us who you are and what’s important to you. What you tell us in your responses gives us the context to better understand the rest of the information you’ve provided in your application. Be open, be honest, be yourself.***

***Instructions: ′ You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions. ′ Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words. ′ Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you.***

**Questions:**

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

6. Describe your favorite academic subject and explain how it has influenced you.

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

8. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?