Supporting the formerly incarcerated on their journey through successful reintegration in a college setting.

In 1967, Professor John K. Irwin established Project Rebound as a way to matriculate (enroll) people into San Francisco State University (SFSU) directly from the system. The focus of Project Rebound quickly became “Education as an Alternative to Incarceration” and “Turning Former Prisoners into Scholars” after being embraced by the Associated Students. Since the program’s inception, there have been hundreds of formerly incarcerated folks who have obtained four-year degrees and beyond.

Campus and Community Support

The program also acts as a liaison between networks throughout the campus at-large as well as throughout the communities and around the San Francisco Bay Area. We are involved in adults of all creeds, transitional-age-youth (18-25), and other youth who may be called “at-risk.” We utilize a multitude of educational, tutorial, and vocational resources. While our focus is on education, we have resources for job referrals, housing, counseling, and personalized networking with “human resource service providers,” to best serve our students’ needs. It is our contention that it is hard to educate the hungry and unhoused. From prison to empowerment, from destitution to the notion of “restorative justice,” we are here to aid those who want to help themselves and to help others. We are still about the business of “each-one-teach-one.” Programs like ours cannot exist without people like you who are willing to reach back and help those who have supported you. Through the Institute of Civic and Community Engagement (ICCE), Project Rebound can offer a student 3-5 units via volunteer work for the program.

Admission Strategies

1. Students applying to Project Rebound with the intention to enroll part time or full time must also be eligible as a first time freshman (FTF) or transfer student. If you are not eligible as a FTF or transfer, Project Rebound can help you with planning.

2. Project Rebound: fill out our application and return it to the office/email to projectrebound@asi.sfsu.edu. If you are found eligible for our program, we will assist you with the CSUApply Application for SFSU as a Freshman or transfer student.

3. If you still need admission-required classes: we can work with you at Project Rebound to determine which classes you need, and where you can take them.
   a. City College: classes at San Francisco City College can satisfy admission requirements.
   b. College of Professional and Global Education (CPaGE): the opportunity to take one class at a time, building up to admission.
Greetings!

Project Rebound has received your letter and we appreciate your interest in our program. We are now accepting applications for the upcoming semesters. In order to send you information that will best assist you in your desires to attend San Francisco State University, please fill out the following questionnaire:

PLEASE do not leave anything blank. Due to the high volume of information requests, please allow at least two weeks for a reply.

Provide your NAME, PHONE #, and a MAILING ADDRESS/or forwarding address:

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Check the information which best describes you:

I have a [ ] High School Diploma [ ] GED [ ] Neither GED or HS Diploma

I have taken college courses before: [ ] YES [ ] NO, I have not

I have a degree (AA/ADT/BA/MA/JD/PhD) [ ] YES [ ] NO

I have at least 56+ transferable college semester units or 84 quarter units [ ] YES [ ] NO

If you have taken college courses, have you completed any courses in the areas listed below:

[ ] A1, Oral Communication (Speech/Interpretation)
[ ] A2, Written Communication (English Composition)
[ ] A3, Critical Thinking (Philosophy, ie.)
[ ] B4, Quantitative Reasoning (Maths/Statistics)

I have defaulted on student loans [ ] YES [ ] NO

If you are still incarcerated, please fill in your expected release date: ______________________

Where were you incarcerated? ____________________________ CIRIS/CDCR # (if applicable): ___________

Please indicate which semester and year you wish to attend SFSU:

[ ] Fall (Aug - Dec) [ ] 2024 [ ] 2025 [ ] Other Semester, specify: ___________
[ ] Spring (Jan - May) [ ] 2026 [ ] 2027

How did you hear about Project Rebound?

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