

A photograph of several Black graduates in caps and gowns, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing blue and gold stoles. The background is dark, suggesting an indoor graduation ceremony.

# BLACK STUDENT EXPERIENCE

## UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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# WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU.

When you attend UC Riverside, you attend a school where black students graduate at a rate higher than any other college in California (and any other group on campus). You attend the first UC with an office dedicated to black student support.

You're on a minority majority campus where more than half of the students are the first in their families to go to college and nearly half qualify as low income.

Doors open here. You can access leadership opportunities, conduct undergraduate research, ignite academic passions and make remarkable contributions right away. You're at a school where students describe their administration as responsive, eager to listen and open to discourse.

Here, you're part of the most talented, driven student body in the world — known for giving back and changing the world. We can't wait to meet you and help you do just that.



[go.ucr.edu/blackexperience](http://go.ucr.edu/blackexperience)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
**UC RIVERSIDE**



"[Attending UCR is] the best decision I made when it came to academics."

# SAVANNAH RICHARDSON

Senior Transfer Student, Sociology

I wanted to be a part of a school that supported my academic journey. It's the best decision I made when it came to academics. Being a part of the ORBITS (Obtain Resources, Become Informed, Target Success) community [for transfer students] through the Career Center was key to tailoring myself to the university experience, as well as [developing] tools to navigate the career field.

# JOSIAH DAVIS

Junior, Cell Molecular Biology

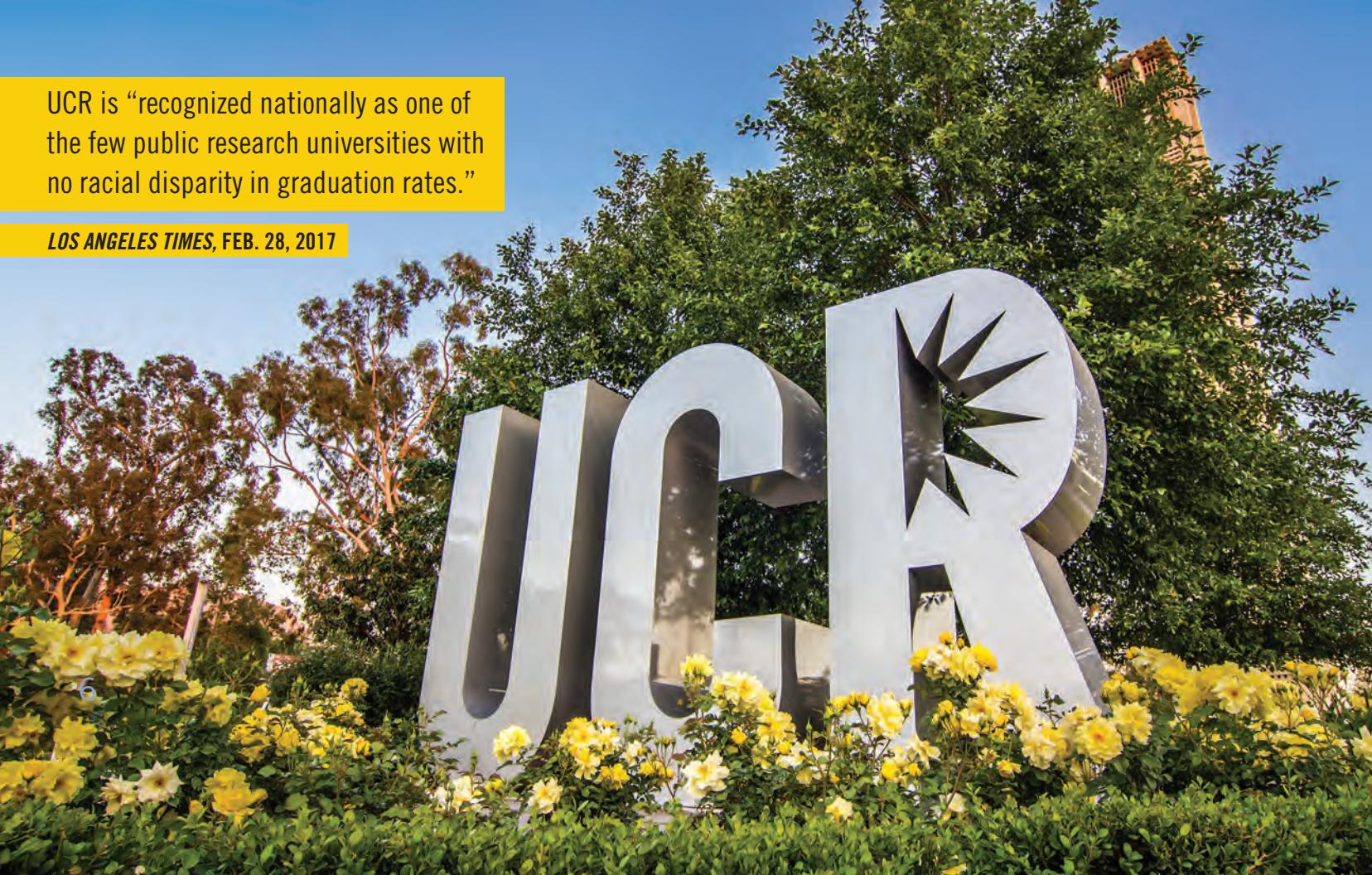
As a black student at UCR, it feels like I belong. I feel part of the UCR community. I found people I could relate to socially and intellectually, as well as people who shared my goals and aspirations. When deciding what university to choose, after looking at the academics and programs to see if the school was right for me, I asked myself one final question, "Do I feel comfortable here as a black student?" The answer was, "Yes."



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it feels like I belong."

UCR is “recognized nationally as one of the few public research universities with no racial disparity in graduation rates.”

**LOS ANGELES TIMES, FEB. 28, 2017**



# A NATIONAL LEADER

At UCR, black students have closed the graduation gap. Black students at UCR graduate at a rate higher than white students. We're proud to be a national leader for promoting black student success. Inspiring mentors, close community connections and supportive programs help our black scholars succeed.





"This is about a deeper ethos of respecting people of all stripes and giving everybody who has the interest, aptitude and energy the opportunity to come and study and learn."

**CHANCELLOR KIM WILCOX**

# WE RANK HIGH IN WHAT MATTERS.

**#3** in the nation for producing the most altruistic/community-service-minded students — Pillrs.com, 2017

**#13** best university in the West — Money Magazine Best Colleges for Your Money 2018

**#28** in the nation based on social mobility, research and service — Washington Monthly 2018 College Guide and Rankings

**#32** best college in America — Money Magazine Best Colleges for Your Money 2018

**#35** best public school in the country — U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best College Rankings

**#40** in the nation for faculty receiving significant awards — Washington Monthly 2018 College Guide and Rankings

**#60** in the nation for faculty in national academies — Washington Monthly 2018 College Guide and Rankings

**#85** best national university — U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best College Rankings

RANKINGS



America's fastest rising ranked university

— U.S. News & World Report  
2019 Best College Rankings

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One of America's Best Value Colleges  
— Forbes America's Best Value Colleges 2018

Top 100 safest colleges in the nation  
— Alarms.org, 2017

# WORK CLOSELY WITH BRILLIANT FACULTY.



**Fred Moten**

*Professor of English • National Book Award Finalist • Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist Guggenheim Fellow*

Moten is an acclaimed poet and theorist conducting research in black studies at the intersection of performance, poetry and critical theory.



**Victor G. J. Rodgers**

*Jacques S. Yeager Sr. Professor of Bioengineering • Director, B2K Group • Distinguished Engineering Educator of the Year, The Engineers' Council*

Rodgers uses science to make the world a better place by creating highly effective polymer nanoparticles that work to deliver therapeutic drugs to targeted sites in the body.



**Rickerby Hinds**

*Professor of Playwriting • Winner of three NAACP Theatre Awards • Winner of two Audrey Skirball-Kenis (ASK) Awards (Best Play)*

Hinds' work includes *Daze to Come*, the first full-length play to use hip-hop as the language of the stage, and *Dreamscape*, a world-renowned play about a local 19-year-old girl killed by police (now a film: *My Name is Myeisha*).



**Deborah Deas**

*Mark and Pam Rubin Dean of the School of Medicine • Chief Executive Officer for Clinical Affairs • Winner of INSIGHT Into Diversity's Giving Back Award*

Keenly aware of the need to provide medical services to underserved communities, Deas has dedicated her life to serving those who need help most, and to educating the next generation of physicians who want to serve the communities that they call home.

# DAVID IFEDIBA

Junior, Biology

UC LEADS (University of California's Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees) is a two-year research program that allows me to conduct my first year of research at UCR and then my second year of research at any University of California campus of my choice. The benefits include GRE classes, networking with students from all over the world and the ability to be published in two prestigious institutions. So far I have conducted psychology research under [Psychology Professor] Carolyn Murray on the impact of discrimination within the healthcare field. The greatest benefits are the friends I have made and the strengthening of the relationship between me and my professor.





# BEYOND THE BOOKS



Packed events, big-time athletics and crazy-fun  
concerts electrify student life at UCR.  
Learn more: [rside.ucr.edu](http://rside.ucr.edu) • [gohighlanders.ucr.edu](http://gohighlanders.ucr.edu)



Run, climb, lift weights and swim at your incredible  
**Student Recreation Center**. Learn more: [recreation.ucr.edu](http://recreation.ucr.edu)

# A CAMPUS OF FIRSTS

An aerial photograph of a university campus. In the center-right stands a tall, modern bell tower with a grid-like facade. To its left is a large, light-colored building with a flat roof. The campus is surrounded by lush green trees and lawns. In the background, there are more buildings, parking lots, and a road with traffic. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

**1st** UC campus to have a professionally staffed black student resource center.

**1st** UC campus to have a professionally staffed American Indian student resource center.



**1st** professionally staffed Middle Eastern student resource center in the nation.

**1st** public university in the nation to offer gender-neutral housing.

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Founded in 1954

Part of the prestigious University of California system

Located in Riverside, California (60 miles east of Los Angeles)

Top 10 “Coolest Cities” in the U.S. (*Forbes*)

Top 10 “Fastest-Growing Economies” in the U.S. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

23,000+ students

1,200 park-like acres

277 sunny days per year

# LIVE IN PURE SUNSHINE.

HOUSING

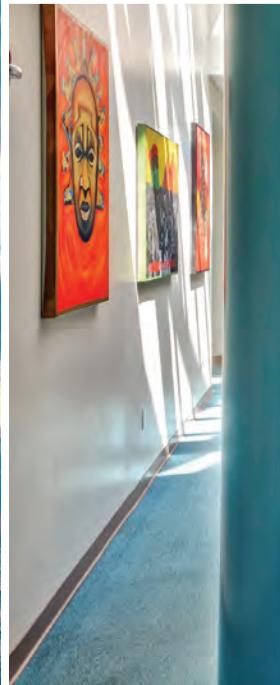


When you live at UCR, you're within driving distance of the best beaches, mountains, deserts and cities in Southern California.

Explore UCR! Schedule a tour (or take a virtual one): [visit.ucr.edu](http://visit.ucr.edu)



Live in the Pan-African Theme Hall (PATH) and connect with fellow scholars who share your goals. Attend exclusive networking events, workshops, hall dinners and field trips. Additional theme halls and seamless living-learning communities are Stonewall, Gender-Inclusive, Markaz, Únete a Mundo, Honors, CHASS, Enginuity, SiMS and Pre-Business.



Learn more: [housing.ucr.edu](http://housing.ucr.edu)



# MAKE FRIENDS AND MEET HEROES.



## ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

### African Student Programs (ASP) [asp.ucr.edu](http://asp.ucr.edu)

As the first staffed, physical office in the UC devoted to black student services, ASP has supported black UCR students for nearly 50 years. It will connect you to everything from leadership and research opportunities, to peer mentor programs and professional internships. ASP events include Black Graduation, Black Queens Week, Black History Month and more.

### Be inspired.

#### PAST SPEAKERS

Misty Copeland

President of Ghana  
John Dramani Mahama

Angela Davis

Maya Angelou

Roxane Gay

### Make memories.

#### EVENTS

Yard Show

BlaqOUT Conference

Black History Month

Black Queens Week

Culture Shows

Black Graduation

### Be active.

#### CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Abyssinian Student Union

Caribbean Student Union

Ghanaian Student Union

Helping the Hyphy

Nigerian Student Association

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS

Black Student Union

Brothers Leading African

Americans through  
Consciousness and Knowledge  
(B.L.A.A.C.K.)

Sisters Affirming our Socio-  
Cultural Identities (S.A.S.I.)

#### ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

African-Americans United in  
Science

National Black Law Student  
Association

National Society of Black  
Engineers

Umoja at UCR

### Rush and pledge.

#### NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.,  
Kappa Theta Chapter

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.,  
Eta Zeta Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.,  
Mu Chi Chapter

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.,  
Xi Rho Chapter





# WE SEE YOU. WE HEAR YOU. WE SUPPORT YOU.

From our historic Ethnic & Gender Programs offices, to our forward-thinking Student Health & Wellness Services — you have a safety net at UCR. So many people are here for you, ready to be your advocates, your encouragers, your listeners and your guides.

## Ethnic & Gender Programs

- African Student Programs (ASP) [asp.ucr.edu](mailto:asp.ucr.edu)
- Asian Pacific Student Programs (APSP) [apsp.ucr.edu](mailto:apsp.ucr.edu)
- Chicano Student Programs (CSP) [csp.ucr.edu](mailto:csp.ucr.edu)
- LGBT Resource Center (LGBTRC) [out.ucr.edu](mailto:out.ucr.edu)
- Middle Eastern Student Programs (MESC) [mesc.ucr.edu](mailto:mesc.ucr.edu)
- Native American Student Programs (NASP) [nasp.ucr.edu](mailto:nasp.ucr.edu)
- Undocumented Student Programs (USP) [usp.ucr.edu](mailto:usp.ucr.edu)
- Women's Resource Center (WRC) [wrc.ucr.edu](mailto:wrc.ucr.edu)

## More Student Support Services

Academic Resource Center (ARC)	<a href="http://arc.ucr.edu">arc.ucr.edu</a>
Career Center	<a href="http://careers.ucr.edu">careers.ucr.edu</a>
Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)	<a href="http://counseling.ucr.edu">counseling.ucr.edu</a>
Education Abroad	<a href="http://ea.ucr.edu">ea.ucr.edu</a>
Highlander One-Stop Shop (HOSS)	<a href="http://hoss.ucr.edu">hoss.ucr.edu</a>
International Students & Scholars (ISS) Office	<a href="http://internationalscholars.ucr.edu">internationalscholars.ucr.edu</a>
New Student Programs	<a href="http://studentlife.ucr.edu/welcome-new-highlanders">studentlife.ucr.edu/welcome-new-highlanders</a>
R'Pantry	<a href="http://go.ucr.edu/RPantry">go.ucr.edu/RPantry</a>
Student Affairs Case Management	<a href="http://casemanagement.ucr.edu">casemanagement.ucr.edu</a>
Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)	<a href="http://sdrc.ucr.edu">sdrc.ucr.edu</a>
Student Health Services (SHS)	<a href="http://studenthealth.ucr.edu">studenthealth.ucr.edu</a>
Student Recreation Center (SRC)	<a href="http://recreation.ucr.edu">recreation.ucr.edu</a>
Transfer Success Program	<a href="http://go.ucr.edu/TransferSuccess">go.ucr.edu/TransferSuccess</a>
University Honors	<a href="http://honors.ucr.edu">honors.ucr.edu</a>
Veterans Services	<a href="http://studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans">studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans</a>
The Well	<a href="http://well.ucr.edu">well.ucr.edu</a>

# APPLYING IS EASY.

## Freshman Students

### Admission Requirements

- 15 completed “a-g” high school courses
- GPA of 3.0 or higher (3.4 non-resident) in “a-g” (grades C or above)
- Scores from ACT with Writing, SAT or SAT with Essay. SAT Subject Tests are optional.
- Learn more about the “a-g” requirements:  
[hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist](http://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist)

## Transfer Students

### Admission Requirements

- 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units with minimum 2.4 GPA (2.8 non-resident). (Some majors require a higher GPA.) 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be Pass/Not Pass.
- Completed (with C's or better) **UC Seven Course Pattern:** two English, one math, four from two of: arts/humanities, social/behavioral science, physical/biological science. Classes must be transferable and at least three semester (four to five quarter) units. Track your progress: [go.ucr.edu/Transfer](http://go.ucr.edu/Transfer)

- Use [ASSIST.org](http://ASSIST.org) to find out if your classes will transfer and see the prerequisites and minimum GPA for your major (all transferable coursework will be taken into account).

- Did you know that by meeting certain requirements, you can guarantee your transfer admission to UCR?

Learn more: [go.ucr.edu/tag](http://go.ucr.edu/tag)

## How to Apply (All Students)

1. Gather transcripts, test scores, income, social security number (if applicable), payment method, and activities and achievements notes.
2. Answer the personal insight questions (four out of eight questions for freshman; one required and an additional three out of seven questions for transfer students).
3. For fall admission, freshman and transfer students can access the UC application beginning Aug. 1, and submit it Nov. 1–30. Transfer students can also apply for winter admission, accessing the application beginning July 1 and submitting it by July 31. You may apply to waive the \$70 fee.
4. Print your receipt and watch for an email about how to access your MyUCR admission portal account — the fastest way to check your admission status.

# TURN YOUR PASSION INTO YOUR PROFESSION.

Choose from over 150 majors, three colleges and four schools  
schools — including the newest medical school in the UC system.

Find your program: [admissions.ucr.edu/academics](http://admissions.ucr.edu/academics)

Apply Today!

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# WE CARE ABOUT YOUR DREAMS, NOT YOUR WALLET.

Every student who dreams big and works hard — regardless of income — should be able to graduate from the greatest public university system in the world. That's why we will do everything we can to help you pay for school.

## Apply for financial aid no matter what.

Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) by March 2 to qualify for aid. If you're an undocumented California resident, complete the California Dream Act Application at [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov) by the March 2 deadline. If you attended high school or community college in California, make sure your school completes your Cal Grant GPA Verification Form so you can qualify for the Cal Grant.

It costs less than you think.

At UCR, 91 percent of undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid, and 73 percent of those who receive aid have their full fees covered by grants and/or scholarships — funds that don't need to be paid back! Visit [go.ucr.edu/estimate](https://go.ucr.edu/estimate) to see what aid you could qualify for at UCR.

**California Resident Tuition & Fees:** \$15,602

**Non-Resident Tuition & Fees:** \$44.594

**Room & Board:** \$6,375–17,475

*These are estimates based on average student expenses.*

*Actual charges are subject to change. Get the details at [admissions.ucr.edu/cost](https://admissions.ucr.edu/cost).*

**UCR distributed more than \$455 million in grant, loan, work-study and scholarship aid for the 2017–18 academic year to undergraduate students.**

# WAYS TO PAY

Complete a FAFSA by March 2 each year at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) and make sure your Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission by your high school or community college to apply for the most aid.

**Dreamers:** If you are an undocumented California resident, complete a CA Dream Act application at [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov) by March 2 each year and make sure your Cal Grant GPA Verification Form is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission by your high school or community college to apply for the most aid.

If you qualify, the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan covers 100 percent of your systemwide tuition and fees! Learn more: [universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold](https://universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold).

If you qualify, the Middle Class Scholarship covers up to 40 percent of your systemwide tuition and fees. Learn more: [csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp](https://csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp)

Learn about scholarships for black students:  
[asp.ucr.edu/programs/scholarships](https://asp.ucr.edu/programs/scholarships)

You are automatically considered for scholarships when you apply to UCR, including the Regents' Scholarship (up to \$10,000 per year) and the Non-Resident Achievement Scholarship (up to \$4,500 per quarter).

Learn more about how to pay for school without going into debt: [financialaid.ucr.edu](https://financialaid.ucr.edu)

# DATES & DEADLINES

**Aug. 1** Freshman and Transfer Students: Access the UC application for fall admission.

**Oct. 1** Access the FAFSA (or CA Dream Act application) and GPA form.

**Nov. 1-30** Submit your UC application for fall admission.

**Nov. 30** Deadline to submit your UC application for fall admission.

**March** Admission notifications begin for fall admission.

**March 2** Deadline to submit your FAFSA or California Dream Act application and GPA form.

**May 1** **Freshman Students:** Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) for fall admission.

**June 1** **Transfer Students:** Deadline to submit your SIR for fall admission.

**July 1** Transfer Students: Access the UC application for winter admission.

**July 30** Deadline to submit your UC application for winter admission.

**Sept.** Admission notifications begin for winter admission.

**Oct. 15** Deadline to submit your SIR for winter admission.



*In 2005, UCR and John W. North High School students created this mural in the African Student Programs office to honor Riverside leaders who embody the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr.*

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*Savannah Richardson, Senior*

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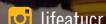


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