BLACK STUDENT EXPERIENCE
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
“[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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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

America’s fastest rising ranked university — U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best College Rankings

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.
Run, climb, lift weights and swim at your incredible Student Recreation Center. Learn more: recreation.ucr.edu
A CAMPUS OF FIRSTS

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.
**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*)
- 23,000+ students
- 1,200 park-like acres
- 277 sunny days per year

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

*1st public university in the nation to offer gender-neutral housing.*
LIVE IN PURE SUNSHINE.

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
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
MAKE FRIENDS AND MEET HEROES.

ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

African Student Programs (ASP) 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

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

Make friends and meet heroes.

National Society of Black Engineers
Umoja at UCR

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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
Asian Pacific Student Programs (APSP)  
apsp.ucr.edu
Chicano Student Programs (CSP)  
csp.ucr.edu
LGBT Resource Center (LGBTRC)  
out.ucr.edu
Middle Eastern Student Programs (MESC)  
mesc.ucr.edu
Native American Student Programs (NASP)  
nasp.ucr.edu
Undocumented Student Programs (USP)  
usp.ucr.edu
Women’s Resource Center (WRC)  
wrc.ucr.edu

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

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

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.

• Use 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
TURN YOUR PASSION INTO YOUR PROFESSION.

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

Find your program: admissions.ucr.edu/academics

Apply Today! admissions.ucr.edu
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 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.

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

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 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 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.
WAYS TO PAY

Complete a FAFSA by March 2 each year at fafsa.ed.gov and 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 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.

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

Learn about scholarships for black students: 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

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.
Apply now! go.ucr.edu/apply
“I wanted to be a part of a school that supported my academic journey.”

Savannah Richardson, Senior