

# CHICANO/LATINO STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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# DEAR FUTURE HIGHLANDERS,



A couple of decades ago, I was where you are today. Deciding where to go to college can feel daunting, especially if you're the first in your family to go. That was my experience, but I had the *ganas* and the love and support of family, teachers and mentors to encourage me. Now I encourage *you* to make the decision to come to UCR!

Why UCR? For me, it was important to go to a place where I saw others like me and I could find a sense of *familia*. UCR offers this, plus many programs and opportunities to help you thrive intellectually and academically.

My colleagues and I are nationally and internationally recognized for our cutting-edge research and creative work. We celebrate and are committed to our diversity. Most importantly, we are committed to our students and their success. UCR is more than an institution. We are a *comunidad*.

**Milagros Peña,**

*Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences*



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STUDENT PROFILES

“What I love and admire about UCR is the people.”



# RUBYD OLVERA

Fourth-Year, Sociology

I'm the oldest of three, and my mother also attends school, so I still have many responsibilities at home. I chose UCR because it was close to home, but far enough away to leave room for independence and a full college experience! What I love and admire about UCR is the people. I found home with the people in PODER (Providing, Opportunities, Dreams and Education in Riverside). In response to the political climate around the undocumented community, the students, staff and faculty in PODER have really empowered me and provided me with a safe space to succeed at UCR and beyond.

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# STEVEN CABRAL BALLESTEROS

Third-Year, Sociology

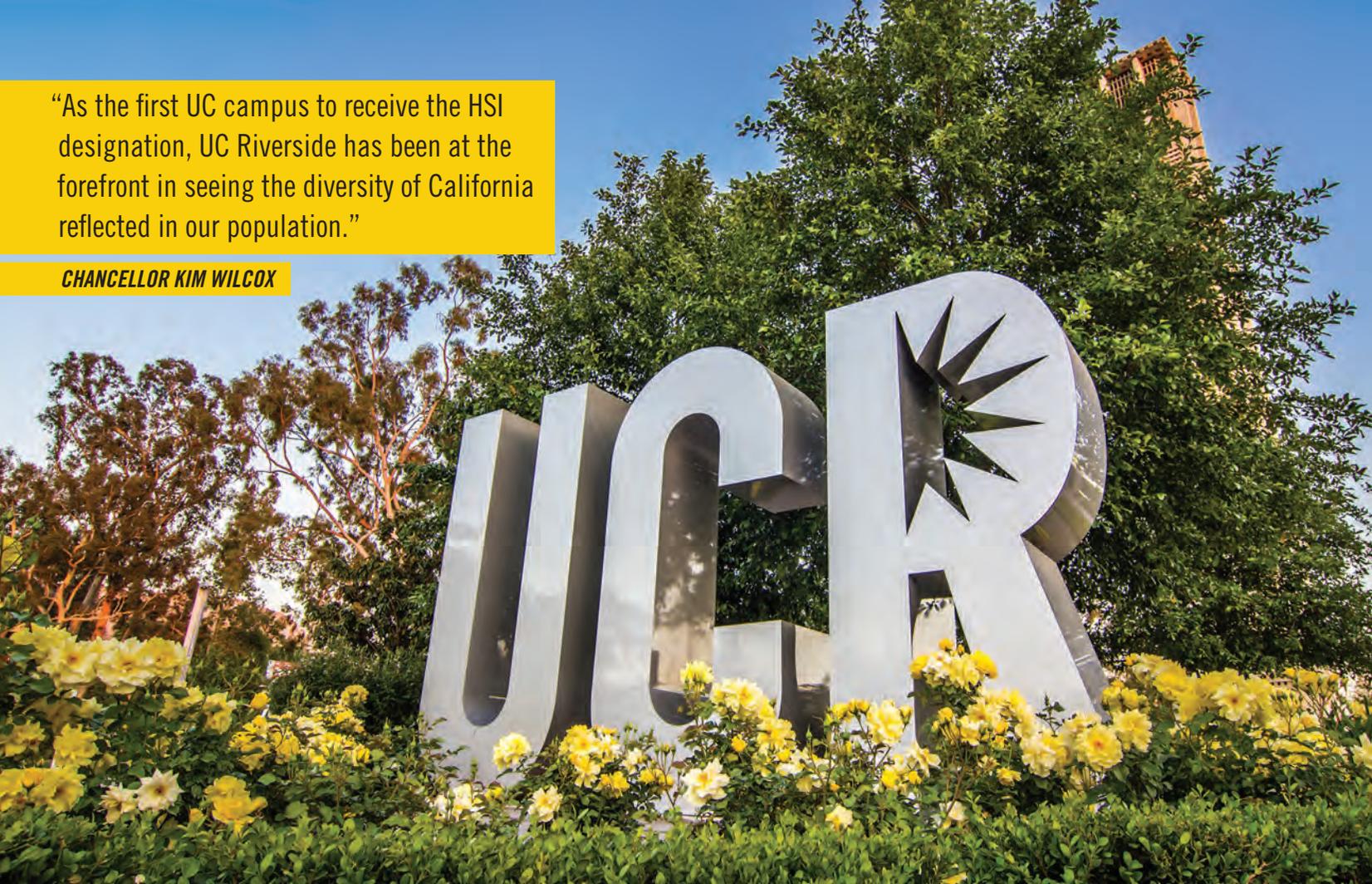
To be a Chicano student at UCR is like being at home. I don't feel like I left my family, because at UCR, everyone is kind and welcoming. I love it! UCR may not be the biggest campus, but it's one of the most diverse universities in the UC system. They offer many great programs, and fun and exciting events throughout the year. I chose UCR over all my other options because of their willingness to assist me in accomplishing my academic goals. When you visit UCR, stop by the Chicano Student Programs office! Everyone would love to meet you and greet you as a new prospective student here at UCR!

A portrait of Steven Cabral Ballesteros, a young man with dark hair, wearing a grey polo shirt, smiling slightly. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and trees.

**“To be a Chicano student at UCR is like being at home.”**

“As the first UC campus to receive the HSI designation, UC Riverside has been at the forefront in seeing the diversity of California reflected in our population.”

*CHANCELLOR KIM WILCOX*



# FIRST IN THE UC

We are proud to be the first UC to be named a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) way back in 2008! Today, more than 40 percent of UCR students identify as Chicano/Latino.



RANKINGS

# WE RANK HIGH IN WHAT MATTERS.

**#1** in the nation for affordability, graduation rates and financial aid – *Time Magazine, 2014*

**#1** in the nation for Pell Grant performance – *Washington Monthly, 2016*

**#2** in the nation for contributing to the public good – *Washington Monthly, 2015*

**#3** in the nation for the most altruistic students – *Pillrs, 2017*

**#3** in the nation for community service participation – *Washington Monthly, 2016*

**4<sup>th</sup>** most diverse college in the nation – *Forbes, 2016*

**Top 10 public research universities with the most low-income students** – *Brookings Institution, 2017*

**Top 10 in the nation for first-generation performance** – *Washington Monthly, 2016*

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

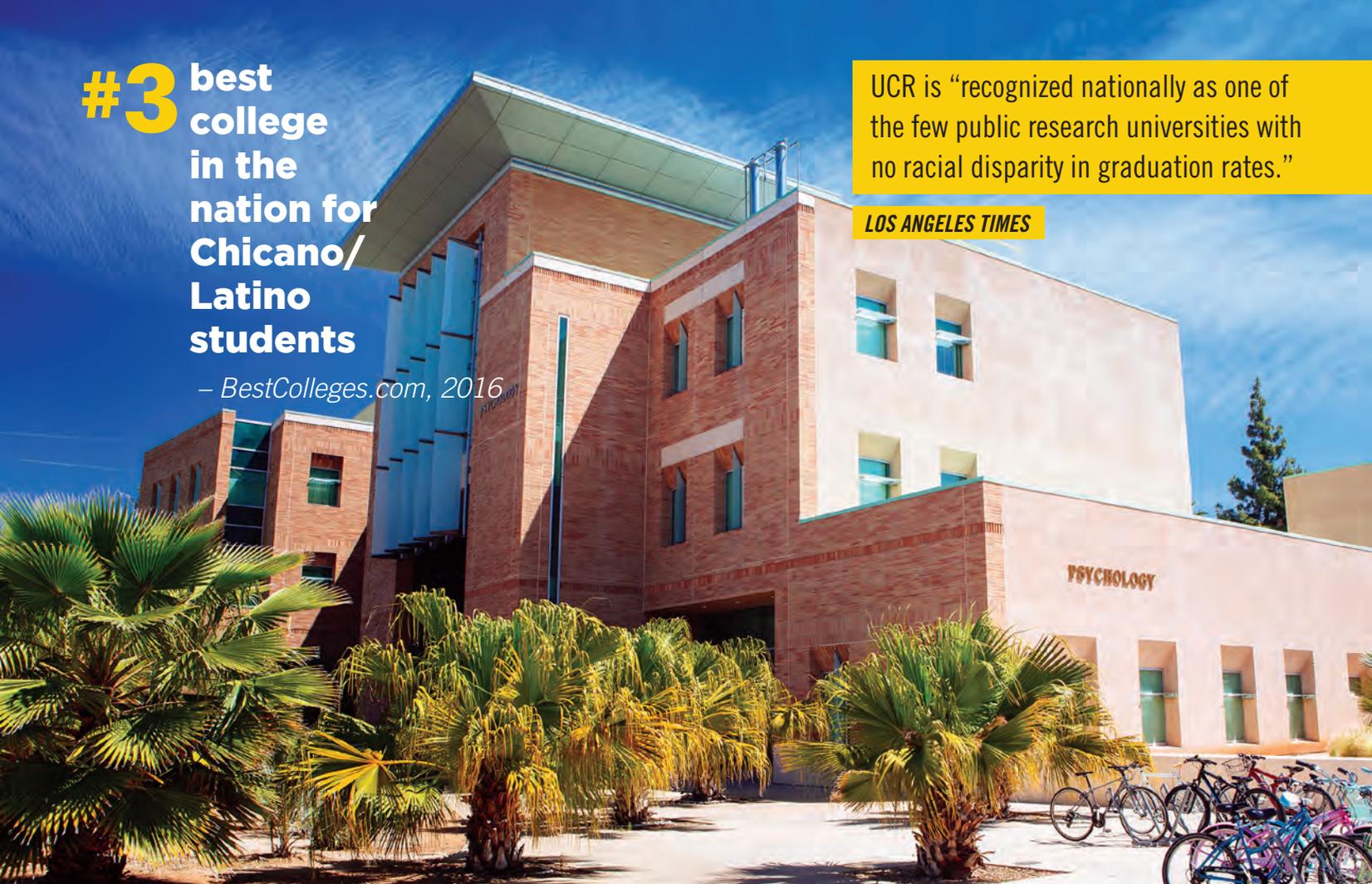


# #3 best college in the nation for Chicano/Latino students

– *BestColleges.com, 2016*

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

*LOS ANGELES TIMES*



# WORK CLOSELY WITH BRILLIANT FACULTY.



## Alfredo Mirandé

*Distinguished Professor of Sociology  
and Ethnic Studies*

Mirandé's research interests include Chicano sociology; masculinity; constitutional law; civil rights; and the relationship among law, race, class and gender. He has published numerous journal articles on sociology, law and ethnic studies and is the author of nine books. Mirandé is a member of the California Bar and has a small, largely pro bono law practice that specializes in criminal law and employment discrimination.



## Cati de los Ríos

*Assistant Professor of Education, Society and Culture*

De los Ríos' research interests include Chicana/Latina adolescents' critical readings of corridos, multimodal and translingual literacies, youth community organizing and civic literacy practices in secondary ethnic studies classrooms. She has a long history of community organizing for K-12 ethnic studies efforts nationwide.



## Jennifer Nájera

*Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies*

Nájera's research interests include immigration from Mexico, the education of Latinx students and grassroots social movements. Her current research project explores the intersections between activism and education among undocumented students at UC Riverside.

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## Louie Rodriguez



*Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education  
Programs in the Graduate School of Education*

*Associate Professor of Educational Policy Analysis  
and Leadership and Education, Society and Culture*

Rodriguez's research interests include urban schooling, students' voices in education, Participatory Action Research (PAR), and using school culture to boost engagement, particularly among Latinx students and other youth of color. A lifelong advocate for Latinx students, he was named Outstanding Latino Faculty by the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) in 2015.

# DR. XÓCHITL C. CHÁVEZ

Assistant Professor of Music

First-Generation UC Graduate

First Chicana/o Ladder-Track Faculty Member,  
UCR Department of Music

My success is the result of the *platicas* (talks) and *echar la mano* (mentorship) that I received from women-of-color scholars and UC programs. I'm grateful for that support and believe in practicing *echando la mano* and *platicar* to assist UCR students in their journeys today. UCR professors are known not only for their cutting-edge research, but also for being exceptional mentors. If this is your first time away from home, your family or your comfort zone—*no sufres en silencio*. Don't be afraid to ask for help. We are here to help you succeed.



# YOU CAN'T STUDY ALL THE TIME!

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*Midfielder Romario Lomeli finished his UCR career as the Highlanders' assists leader and also led the team in goals in 2016.*



Lambda Theta Nu host an altar honoring loved ones during the annual Día de los Muertos nooner.

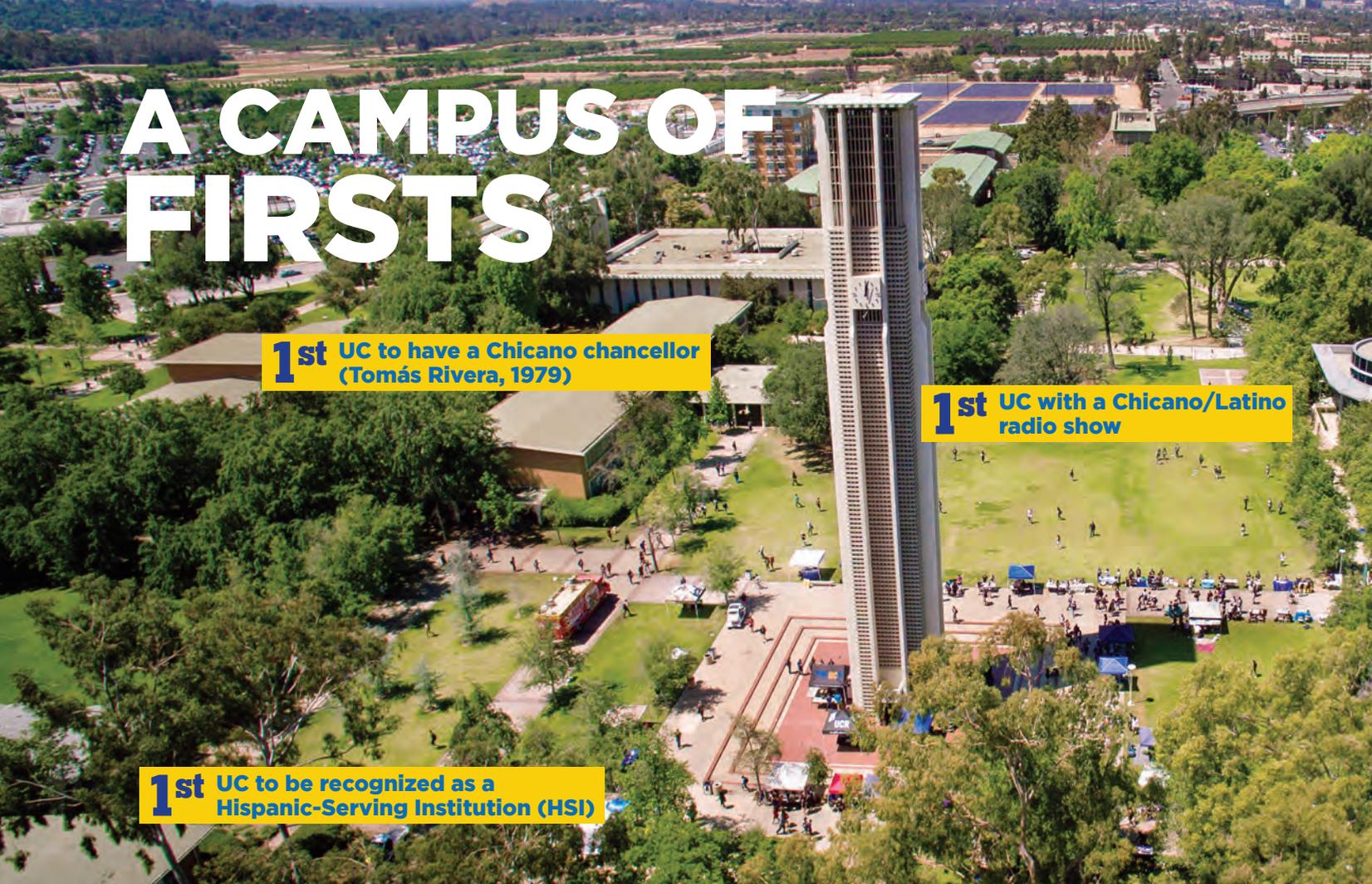
Run, climb, lift weights and swim at your incredible **Student Recreation Center**. Learn more at [recreation.ucr.edu](http://recreation.ucr.edu).



Listen to **KUCR-FM 88.3** Friday nights for **Radio Aztlan**, our award-winning Chicano/Latino program. The first of its kind in the UC, its student, staff and community leader DJs have aired interviews, news and música Chicana for more than 25 years. Check out their music festival each April. Learn more at [kucr.org](http://kucr.org).

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

# A CAMPUS OF FIRSTS

An aerial photograph of the University of California, Riverside campus. The central focus is the tall, slender Campanile tower, which is a landmark of the university. The tower is surrounded by lush green lawns and trees. In the background, there are various campus buildings, parking lots, and a view of the surrounding landscape. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with clear skies and vibrant greenery.

**1st** UC to have a Chicano chancellor (Tomás Rivera, 1979)

**1st** UC with a Chicano/Latino radio show

**1st** UC to be recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)



**1<sup>st</sup>** UC to host a family orientation in Spanish (Orientación Familiar)

**1<sup>st</sup>** UC to have a Chicano/Latino graduation ceremony

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Founded in 1954

Part of the prestigious University of California system

Located in Riverside, CA

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



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) at [visit.ucr.edu](https://visit.ucr.edu).



# MUNDO

## ÚNETE A MUNDO

### THEME HALL

Live in Únete a Mundo Theme Hall and connect with fellow Chicano/Latino students who share your goals. Attend exclusive networking events, workshops, hall dinners and field trips.

Additional theme halls and living-learning communities include Stonewall, Gender-Inclusive, Markaz, Pan-African Theme Hall (PATH), Honors, CHASS, Egnuity, SiMS and Pre-Business.



# BE A PART OF THE UCR *FAMILIA!*



## ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

### Chicano Student Programs (CSP)

[csp.ucr.edu](http://csp.ucr.edu)

As one of the first professionally staffed offices in the UC devoted to Chicano/Latino student services, CSP has been supporting UCR students for nearly 50 years. They'll connect you to everything from leadership opportunities and peer mentor support, to textbook lending and grad school prep.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Visit [csp.ucr.edu](http://csp.ucr.edu) to see all of the Chicano/Latino student organizations you can join at UCR!

### SERVICES

¡ADELANTE! Success Series

Chicano Link Peer Mentor Program

Chicano/Latino Student Orientation

Community Outreach

Computer Lab and Meeting Rooms

Counseling/Retention

Cultural Empowerment/Identity Development

Graduate School Preparation

Lending Library

Nuestra Cosa Newspaper

Personal Growth & Development

Radio Aztlan

Scholarships & Internships

“It’s beautiful to be Chicano/Latino at UCR. There are many programs to not only help you succeed, but to also help you explore what it means to be Chicano/Latino and the intersectionality among us.”

*Rubyd Olvera, Fourth-Year, Sociology*

Student Leadership Development

Textbook Loan Program

Undocumented Student Resource Guide

Volunteer Opportunities

### EVENTS

¡ADELANTE! Success Series

César E. Chávez 5K Run/Walk

Chicano/Latino Bienvenida

Chicano/Latino Graduation Ceremony

Cinco de Mayo Noon

Día de los Muertos Celebration

Noche Cultural

Poesía Peligrosa

¡Presente! Conference

Radio Aztlan Music Festival

Semana de la Mujer

Semana de la Raza

Únete A MUNDO Theme Hall





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

From our historic Ethnic and Gender Programs, to our forward-thinking Student Health and 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	<a href="http://asp.ucr.edu">asp.ucr.edu</a>
Asian Pacific Student Programs	<a href="http://apsp.ucr.edu">apsp.ucr.edu</a>
Chicano Student Programs	<a href="http://csp.ucr.edu">csp.ucr.edu</a>
LGBT Resource Center	<a href="http://out.ucr.edu">out.ucr.edu</a>
Middle Eastern Student Center	<a href="http://mesc.ucr.edu">mesc.ucr.edu</a>
Native American Student Programs	<a href="http://nasp.ucr.edu">nasp.ucr.edu</a>
Undocumented Student Programs	<a href="http://usp.ucr.edu">usp.ucr.edu</a>
Women's Resource Center	<a href="http://wrc.ucr.edu">wrc.ucr.edu</a>

## 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>
First-Year Programs	<a href="http://studentlife.ucr.edu">studentlife.ucr.edu</a>
Highlander One-Stop Shop (HOSS)	<a href="http://hoss.ucr.edu">hoss.ucr.edu</a>
International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO)	<a href="http://internationalscholars.ucr.edu">internationalscholars.ucr.edu</a>
Peer Mentor Programs	<a href="http://well.ucr.edu">well.ucr.edu</a>
R'Pantry	<a href="http://go.ucr.edu/rpantry">go.ucr.edu/rpantry</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>
Study Abroad	<a href="http://studyabroad.ucr.edu">studyabroad.ucr.edu</a>
The WELL	<a href="http://well.ucr.edu">well.ucr.edu</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>

# APPLYING IS EASY.

## First-Year Students

### Admission Requirements

- 15 completed “a-g” high school courses
- GPA of 3.0 or higher (3.4 out-of-state) 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 at [hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist](https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist).

## Transfer Students

### Admission Requirements

- 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units with minimum 2.4 GPA (2.8 out-of-state). (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. Use [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu) to track your progress.

- Use [assist.org](https://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 at [go.ucr.edu/tag](https://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.
3. Complete the UC application starting August 1. Submit it November 1-30. 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.

Learn more at  
**[admissions.ucr.edu!](https://admissions.ucr.edu)**

# TURN YOUR PASSION INTO YOUR PROFESSION.

Choose from nearly 100 majors, four colleges and three graduate schools — including the newest medical school in the UC system.

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

# WE CARE ABOUT YOUR DREAMS, NOT YOUR WALLET.

Every student, regardless of income, who dreams big and works hard 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 FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) and a GPA form at [csac.ca.gov](https://csac.ca.gov) to apply for the most aid. If you are an undocumented student, complete a CA Dream Act application at [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov) and a GPA form at [csac.ca.gov](https://csac.ca.gov) to apply for the most aid.

## It costs less than you think.

About 70 percent of UCR undergrads have their tuition and fees fully covered by grants and scholarships, and about 86 percent of UCR undergrads get financial aid. Visit [go.ucr.edu/estimate](https://go.ucr.edu/estimate) to estimate the aid that you may be eligible for at UCR.

**Tuition & Fees:** \$13,917-15,675  
**Out-of-State:** \$43,689  
**Room & Board:** \$6,100-17,000

*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).*

## We're #1 in the nation for Pell Grant performance.

That means that we admit students who meet our high standards, but aren't necessarily wealthy. Nearly half of UCR undergrads qualify as low-income, and we enroll more low-income students than all of the Ivy League institutions combined.

## UCR is a good investment.

Within five years of graduating, Pell Grant recipients typically earn more than their families. UCR students graduate with a salary potential in the top 7 percent of 568 leading public universities.

*Sources: Washington Monthly, The Brookings Institution, UC Accountability Report, UC Institutional Research, UC Federal Governmental Relations, PayScale.com*

# WAYS TO PAY

If you qualify, the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan covers **100 percent of your systemwide tuition and fees!** Learn more at [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 at [csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp](https://csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp).

**Complete a FAFSA** at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) and a GPA form at [csac.ca.gov](https://csac.ca.gov) to apply for the most aid.

**Dreamers:** If you are an undocumented student, you may complete a CA Dream Act application at [dream.csac.ca.gov](https://dream.csac.ca.gov) and a GPA form at [csac.ca.gov](https://csac.ca.gov) to apply for the most aid.

**You are automatically considered for scholarships** when you apply to UCR, including the Regents' Scholarship and UCR Achievement Scholarship for out-of-state students.

Learn more about UCR scholarship opportunities at [finaid.ucr.edu/scholarships](https://finaid.ucr.edu/scholarships).

See scholarships and internships specifically **for Chicano/Latino** students at [csp.ucr.edu](https://csp.ucr.edu).

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

# DATES & DEADLINES

**August 1** Access the UC Application.

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

**November 1-30** Submit your UC Application.

**November 30** Deadline to submit your UC Application.

**March 1** Admission notification begins.

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

**April 2** Deadline to submit additional financial aid documents (tax forms etc.), if selected for verification.

**May 1** **First-Year Students:** Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

**June 1** **Transfer Students:** Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

**July 1** Deadline to send your transcripts.

**July 15** Deadline to send your test scores.

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*Funded by a National Council of the Arts grant in 1975, Chano Gonzalez created this mural for Chicano Student Programs (CSP) to represent the history of Raza students. When CSP relocated, the UCR community protested to save the mural. They were successful, and today, the remaining 10 original panels live at CSP.*



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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented herein. However, all information is subject to change. Please check with the appropriate organization, department, service provider or website for the most up-to-date information. 11/17

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