



PUENTE
CONNECTION

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¡SI SE PUEDE! WITH PUENTE

For more than 30 years, the Puente Project has improved the college-going rate of thousands of California's educationally underrepresented students. The program is interdisciplinary with writing, counseling and mentoring components. It helps students:

- ◆ *Enroll in four-year colleges and universities.*
- ◆ *Earn college degrees.*
- ◆ *Return to their communities as mentors and leaders for future generations.*

The Puente Project is represented at UC Riverside via the student organization, Puente Connection. Participants, or "Puentistas," are given opportunities to connect with the campus community and build leadership skills.

Puente Connection is the first of its kind in the UC system and provides continual support to Puentistas who enroll at UCR.

Puente Connection is free, open to all students and serves as a resource to help participants reach their academic and professional goals!

puente.ucr.edu



MEET UC RIVERSIDE

UCR is one of the most highly ranked academic institutions in the United States. It's also nationally recognized for achieving equity in graduation rates, thanks in part to world-class academics and student success programs, such as Puente.

UCR also helps students pay for school with as little debt as possible!

- ◆ *About **70%** of UCR undergrads pay no tuition (thanks to scholarships and grants).*
- ◆ ***86%** of UCR undergrads receive financial aid.*
- ◆ *Transfer-specific scholarships and supplemental aid (in case of emergencies) are available.*
- ◆ *Students are automatically considered for scholarships and grants when they apply to UCR!*

Learn more: finaid.ucr.edu/scholarships
Estimate cost of attendance and financial aid eligibility: go.ucr.edu/estimate



GG *The reading assignments in Puente spoke to my experience as a first-generation high school graduate and college student. Little did I know that the rigorous grading and reading assignments were laying the foundation for my career as a college professor!* **GG**

DR. ALFONSO GONZALES

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & DIRECTOR OF UCR'S LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

PUENTE CONNECTION AT UC RIVERSIDE

Puente Connection's network of admissions counselors and Puente Peer Mentors helps students earn the UC degree they've always wanted! Support includes:

Academic Guidance to help select the right courses for admission to UCR.

Application Assistance to make sure students accurately complete and submit a UC transfer application.

Helping Hands for a smooth transition to UCR. Our mentors are former community college students who have transferred to UCR. They provide a student's perspective on UCR's:

- ◆ *Application process*
- ◆ *Financial aid*
- ◆ *Professors*
- ◆ *Student events, activities and organizations*



GG *There are no words to describe the incredible experience I had at the UCR Puente Leadership Conference. I was able to connect with individuals who were like-minded and motivated to create footsteps for others to follow.*

UCRP had taught me to be a better person, student and leader. As a Puentista, I am proud of where I come from and what I have to offer. **GG**

FRYDA ZALDIVAR
CHAFFEY COLLEGE | UCRP ALUMNI 2016



The **UCR Puente Leadership Conference** (UCRP) gathers 60 Puente Project participants from California Community Colleges each year. This free, 10-day residential program is held at UCR and offers:

- ◆ *Activities to promote academics, leadership and community involvement.*
- ◆ *Discussions regarding the issues that most affect students in higher education.*
- ◆ *Instruction on how to run successful campaigns (in any field of interest).*



GG *The UCR Puente Leadership Conference changed the course of my life and connected me with a familia that gave me love and support unlike any program I have ever been in. I felt motivated to pursue my education, transfer to UCR and start a business with my brother. UCRP revealed my voice, showed me anything is possible and encouraged me to pursue my dreams.* **GG**

JOSHUA RIVERA
MOUNT SAN JACINTO COLLEGE | UCRP ALUMNI 2016

UC RIVERSIDE AND PUENTE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

In 2007, UCR Undergraduate Admissions teamed up with Puente Project to help transfer students find their path to attain their educational goals and become leaders in their communities. We believe that all students have leadership potential and can be successful if given the opportunity to:

- ◆ *Explore their individuality.*
- ◆ *Affirm their cultural capital.*
- ◆ *Develop their diverse political views.*

Puente Connection is that opportunity. And now you, too, can benefit from all that it and UCR have to offer!

Contact us today to learn more: puente.ucr.edu

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