WELCOME!

As you consider your options for graduate studies, I encourage you to explore the programs and offerings at UC Riverside. With more than 60 years of high-impact research and a distinguished faculty, our campus provides a rigorous and inclusive environment for students. We are ranked No. 35 among all public universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, and are consistently recognized for our positive contributions to social mobility and the public good.

As a graduate student in the prestigious UC system, you’ll have remarkable opportunities to study alongside peers from all different backgrounds. You’ll work side by side with our renowned faculty, conducting innovative research across disciplines. And, you’ll have unparalleled access to graduate resources through unique programs such as GradSuccess, a professional development hub specifically designed to support your journey.

Whether you are interested in pursuing a master’s or doctoral degree, UC Riverside’s high-caliber academic programs and supportive community will prepare you to become a leader in your discipline, ready to tackle the world and make a significant impact both locally and globally.

Shaun Bowler
Dean of the Graduate Division
BY THE NUMBERS

3,341 GRADUATE STUDENTS
- 1,010 MASTER’S
- 2,068 PH.D.
- 242 M.D.
- 21 CREDENTIAL

#1 FASTEST-RISING RANKED UNIVERSITY
U.S. WORLD & NEWS REPORT, 2019

23 INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS
55 MASTER’S PROGRAMS
42 DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

$1.5 MILLION AWARDED IN DISSERTATION -YEAR FELLOWSHIPS

97% DOCTORAL STUDENTS RECEIVE A FUNDED OFFER

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY
- 2 NOBEL LAUREATES
- 48 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS
- 10 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE
- 49 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FELLOWS
- 19 GUGGENHEIM FELLOWS

DOCTORAL DEGREES EARNED BY FIELD OF STUDY (2017-2018)
- 32.5% LIFE SCIENCES
- 15.8% ENGINEERING
- 15.5% PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND EARTH SCIENCES
- 13.6% HUMANITIES AND ARTS
- 10.5% PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- 7.9% MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCES
- 4.0% EDUCATION
- 0.3% OTHER
DISCOVER UC RIVERSIDE

It’s not just our world-class faculty and facilities that make UC Riverside an amazing place to live and learn — it’s also our thriving arts community, one-of-a-kind campus events, and hundreds of student-led organizations. It’s the beauty of our Botanic Gardens and the famed 22-acre Citrus Variety Collection. It’s UCR libraries, home to more than 2 million books and the world’s largest cataloged collection of science fiction and fantasy, and our own noncommercial radio station, KUCR.

Located in the heart of Inland Southern California, approximately 50 miles east of Los Angeles and 100 miles north of San Diego, Riverside is situated in one of the fastest-growing regions in the nation and offers a high quality of living at an affordable cost. The city boasts a booming downtown with countless eateries, historic landmarks, and museums, and is a short drive from beaches and several mountain resorts offering hiking, skiing, snowboarding, camping, and other activities.

Whether you want to catch a local art show, take a day trip to the high-desert wonderland Joshua Tree, or attend an on-campus lecture series, there are plenty of things to do and see. From the desert to the ocean, all of Southern California is within reach.

EXPLORE RIVERSIDE

UCR ARTS
Just 3 miles from campus, UCR ARTS includes the California Museum of Photography, the Jack and Marilyn Sweeney Art Gallery, and the Barbara and Art Culver Center of the Arts.

THE MISSION INN HOTEL & SPA
This historic landmark and hotel features several restaurants, bars, and a spa. Its annual Festival of Lights, a free, six-week holiday extravaganza, is one of the nation’s largest demonstrations of holiday lights.

RIVERSIDE FOOD LAB
This 14,000-square-foot space, located next to the Fox Performing Arts Center, is home to 14 artisanal eateries serving up the latest trends in foodie culture.

Named one of the top “10 U.S. Cities Where Everyone Wants to Live Right Now”
Business Insider, 2017
Housing options for graduate students include UCR Campus Apartments, Family Housing, and off-campus rental housing. UCR Housing can help you make informed choices about on- and off-campus options: housing.ucr.edu
RESEARCH IN FOCUS

Graduate students have boundless opportunities to conduct high-impact research with renowned faculty across disciplines. According to the National Science Foundation, recent life sciences, engineering, humanities, and arts graduates from UCR doctoral programs engaged in a higher percentage of interdisciplinary research than those in the same fields of study at peer institutions.

Our three colleges offer access to a wide range of academic and research subjects: the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering, with nine departments; the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, with 20 departments; and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, with 13 departments.

We are also home to four professional schools: the School of Business, Graduate School of Education, School of Medicine, and School of Public Policy.

Explore our full list of programs: graduate.ucr.edu/programs

Tip: Interested in applying to a doctoral program? Learn about our faculty, and reach out to those whose research interests align with yours to see if the program will be the right fit.

Computer science doctoral candidate Fatemah Alharbi — a first-generation student who grew up in Saudi Arabia — researches computer operating systems. Her interest in computer and network security puts her squarely on the good side of hacking, where her chief goals include trying to protect people’s passwords, information, and money. She earned public gratitude from Apple for research that uncovered a serious security flaw, presenting her paper on the subject in Paris in April 2019.
Musicologist and ethnic studies doctoral candidate Marlen Ríos-Hernández received a $20,000 American Association for University Women fellowship to support her dissertation, which charts the growth of punk scenes in Los Angeles, Mexico, and Latin America from the late 1970s to the mid-2000s. The award also helped Ríos-Hernández continue her work as a mentor for other first-generation humanities students interested in pursuing graduate school.

Neuroscience doctoral candidate in the Department of Entomology Yu-Chieh “David” Chen received one of 20 International Student Research Fellowships awarded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to sustain his research on how taste neurons in the pharynx regulate insect feeding behaviors in fruit flies. Applications of this research could include controlling the spread of mosquito-borne diseases and damage to agricultural crops. Chen has authored four research articles and five review and commentary articles, and has presented his work at several national and international conferences.

Bioengineering doctoral candidate Donovan Argueta, who researches what drives increased eating behaviors in obesity, was awarded the prestigious Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship and the Diversity Supplement Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In 2018, he joined 25 other UC graduate students and UC President Janet Napolitano at the State Capitol to impress upon lawmakers the benefits of graduate research.
GRADSUCCESS

As graduate students, you are the engine of a research university. GradSuccess is your fuel.

GradSuccess, UCR’s graduate resource and support hub housed within the Graduate Division, supports graduate student retention, degree completion, and post-degree placement through a combination of diverse programs, events, expert consultations, and peer support.

MENTORSHIP
The Graduate Student Mentorship Program pairs 100 incoming graduate student mentees with both peer and faculty mentors in their own or related disciplines. Over the course of their first academic year, mentees gain access to support, advice, resources, and community as participants in the program.

COMMUNITY AND CAREERS
The Graduate Student Resource Center develops and coordinates various opportunities and events with one goal in mind: to help you succeed both academically and professionally as outstanding, well-rounded, and healthy scholars. From weekly coffee socials and peer support office hours, to quarterly stress-relief fairs and professional development seminars, the center is your first stop on the path to building a graduate student community and a rewarding post-grad career.

QUANTITATIVE AND RESEARCH SUPPORT
GradQuant offers trainings on a variety of topics, including remedial, introductory, and advanced methods; probability and statistical inference; statistical software and computing; math for statistics; data management; and professional ethics in data management. Graduate students can receive support with GradQuant’s highly trained staff or by attending workshops offered by staff and outside experts.

WRITING SUPPORT
The Graduate Writing Center provides writing support and instruction in any academic genre during any stage of the writing process. The center offers free workshops and writing consultations, as well as summer fellowship preparation programs, dissertation writing support, and specialized disciplinary courses.

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGY
The Teaching Assistant Development Program provides training, support, and pedagogical development for the nearly 1,000 graduate students employed as teaching assistants, or TAs. TAs participate in orientations, workshops in pedagogical methods, one-on-one mentoring, and receive recognition for excellence in teaching. The Program also offers the University Teaching Certificate, a competitive instructional training and certification program for students planning a career in teaching at the college level.

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PATRICK THOMAS
DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND PLANT SCIENCES
FUNDING

UC Riverside offers a variety of funding opportunities to help cover tuition, living expenses, health insurance, research, and conference travel for students pursuing their graduate degrees.

Visit our funding page for a comprehensive list: graduate.ucr.edu/funding

FELLOWSHIPS

Did you know that most students get paid to pursue their Ph.D.? More than 95% of entering doctoral students receive a funded offer that covers the cost of tuition and provides a stipend for living expenses. Subsequent years are funded by a combination of teaching assistant opportunities and graduate student research positions. Individuals from cultural, racial, linguistic, geographic, and socioeconomic backgrounds that are currently underrepresented in graduate education are encouraged to apply for the Eugene Cota Robles Award, a four-year program funded in part by the University of California Office of the President. The intent of this fellowship is to provide access to higher education for students who intend to pursue a career in academia and might otherwise find it difficult or impossible to successfully pursue graduate study. The Graduate Division awards nearly $1.5 million in mentoring and dissertation fellowships for third-through-fifth-year students.

EXTRAMURAL FELLOWSHIPS

UC Riverside graduate students have been awarded more than $4 million a year in extramural funding, including prestigious fellowships from the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Ford Foundation, and Fulbright Program. Once you’re a graduate student, GradSuccess offers structured support for applications to these programs.
“As a first-generation undergraduate student, I was unsure how to access institutional resources, but when I started graduate school at UCR, I regularly used the resources provided by the Grad Division. When applying for the Fulbright, I attended orientations facilitated by GradSuccess Director Hillary Jenks and peer-review essay workshops, and visited the Graduate Writing Center several times. Hillary met with me in the summer one on one, which really helped me hone in on what I wanted to include in my funding applications. I am really grateful for the support of the Graduate Division, the Department of Anthropology, and the Southeast Asia: Texts, Rituals, Performance program. I will spend my Fulbright term in Italy, researching and conducting interviews with members of a community of Cambodian refugees who, fleeing genocide, resettled in the northern Italian region of Lombardy in the 1970s, aided mainly by Catholic charitable organizations. I was also awarded a Barricelli grant from the Department of Comparative Literature and Languages, which will help me conduct archival research while in Italy.”

Sophea Seng
Doctoral candidate, Department of Anthropology
Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award Winner
UC Riverside’s entomology department is ranked No. 2 in the world by the Center for World University Rankings (2017)
Physics doctoral candidate Alexandria Costantino presents a talk titled “Dark Matter Time Machine” at the UCR Grad Slam finals. Grad Slam is a UC wide competition where graduate students present their research in 3 minutes or less.