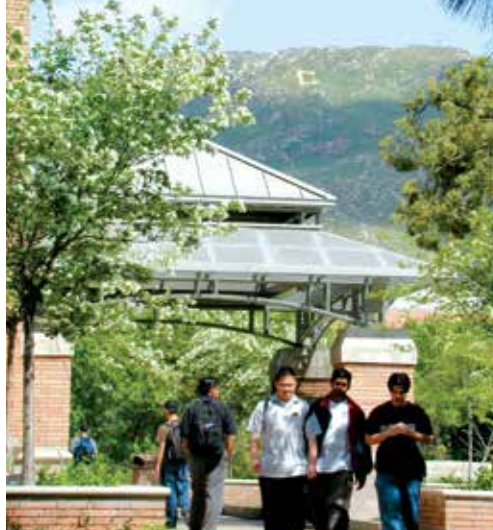


# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE



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UC Riverside (UCR) is among the Top Universities for International Students. Considerations include graduation rates and social/cultural supports, such as an international student center and student organizations. (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2018)

## RANKINGS

## UC RIVERSIDE: HIGHLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

**28<sup>th</sup>**

in the United States based on social mobility, research and service.  
(*Washington Monthly* 2018 College Guide and Rankings)

**32<sup>nd</sup>**

best college in America.  
(*Money Magazine* Best Colleges for Your Money 2018)

**34<sup>th</sup>**

among public engineering colleges in the United States.  
(*U.S. News & World Report*, 2019)

**35<sup>th</sup>**

best public school in the United States.  
(*U.S. News & World Report* 2019 Best College Rankings)

**85<sup>th</sup>**

best national university.  
(*U.S. News & World Report* 2019 Best College Rankings)

The UCR Biology Department was No. 73 of 235 ranked; the Chemistry Department ranked No. 59 of 154; and the Physics graduate program was No. 56 of 146.  
(*U.S. News & World Report*, 2019)



UCR is included in *The Princeton Review's* 2017 listing of the **Top 50 Green Colleges**, recognizing schools that share superb sustainability practices, a strong foundation in sustainability education and a healthy quality of life for students on campus.

## International Students and Scholars (ISS) Office

ISS supports the success of current UCR students from more than 75 countries.

Services include:

- Pre- and post-arrival support.
- International student orientation.
- Visa maintenance and advisement.
- International student peer mentors.
- Cultural programs, workshops, events and much more!

## YOUR FUTURE STARTS TODAY

WITH THESE CAREER CENTER SERVICES:

- Drop-in counseling
- Internships
- Grad school guidance
- Job search strategies
- Career planning
- How-to workshops
- Online resources
- Career fairs

## STUDENT SUCCESS: 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

Statistics collected from the class of 2016 in a survey that was given six months after graduation.

**73%**

Employed

**16%**

Post-Graduate Program

**10%**

Seeking Employment

**1%**

Not Seeking Employment

## HOW MUCH DOES UCR COST?

View annual costs and scholarships for undergraduates. [go.ucr.edu/cost](http://go.ucr.edu/cost)

## NON-RESIDENT ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

UP TO  
**\$4,500**  
PER QUARTER

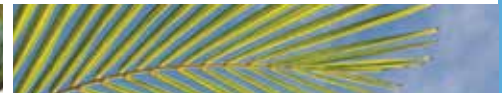
Admitted international freshman and transfer students are automatically considered for the Non-Resident Achievement Scholarship, which goes toward their UCR education.  
[go.ucr.edu/NRscholarship](http://go.ucr.edu/NRscholarship)





**Welcome to the University of California, Riverside! UC Riverside is one of the 10 campuses of the prestigious University of California and one of the most highly ranked universities in the world. UC Riverside is also home to one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation. Walk across campus and you will hear a number of different languages spoken — from Arabic and Farsi, to Hebrew and Turkish!**

## UC RIVERSIDE AT A GLANCE



- ▶ More than 1,500 international students from 75+ countries attend UC Riverside!
- ▶ Riverside, California — home to UC Riverside — is just 96 km east of Los Angeles, with an average temperature of 26.3 C. It is known for its entertainment, diversity, recreation and environmental efforts.
- ▶ We are close to Los Angeles, Hollywood, amusement parks, winter resorts and California's world-famous beaches.
- ▶ We have a vibrant campus life featuring world-class, on-campus concerts from popular performers, including A\$AP Ferg, Post Malone, DJ Snake, Dillon Francis and Panic! At The Disco.
- ▶ Our beautiful 485-hectare campus at the foot of the Box Springs Mountains features an abundance of trees and flowers, citrus groves, blue skies and our Botanic Gardens. It also offers housing, dining, shopping, banking and medical services within walking distance.
- ▶ Get involved and meet new friends with 450+ student organizations. Academics, arts, awareness, cultural, professional, service and spiritual — we have an organization for every interest.

- ▶ UCR offers eight Ethnic & Gender programs to support and empower all students, including Middle Eastern Student Center (MESCC), the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the LGBT Resource Center (LGBTRC).
- ▶ Request to live in one of 10 Living-Learning Communities (LLCs). Academic LLCs include Honors, Pre-Business, Enginuity (engineering) and SiMS (math/science). Theme LLCs include Mundo Hall, PATH (Pan-African Theme Hall) and Gender-Inclusive Housing.
- ▶ UCR Dining offers a variety of on-campus restaurants, markets and convenience stores that serve healthy, high-quality international cuisines and American favorites.
- ▶ Our 14,399-square-meter Student Recreation Center includes a swimming pool, tennis courts, expansive rooms with cardio and free weight equipment, group workout rooms, basketball courts, and a full menu of intramural sports. The Outdoor Excursions program offers hiking, surfing, snowboarding, sandboarding and outdoor activities, such as trips to the rivers, lakes, mountains and deserts of California.





# VIRESHA PERERA

MAJOR: **PSYCHOLOGY**  
FROM: **SRI LANKA AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

## Why I Chose UC Riverside

I was looking for a university that had a more favorable class size. I enjoy having the opportunity to get to know my lecturers and teaching assistants, and being able to receive valuable guidance and assistance.

## Friendly and Welcoming

Everyone I have met at UCR has been amazed that I'm an international student. They've been very enthusiastic to learn more about where I come from!

## Making Memories

My hallmates surprised me with a birthday celebration way in advance of my birthday, since my birthday is in the summer and they wouldn't have been able to otherwise. It was a really pleasant feeling knowing that my friends had remembered my birthday.

## Embracing Diversity

The atmosphere here is truly amazing. It really does live up to its title of being one of the most diverse campuses in the United States. UCR genuinely embraces diversity and promotes inclusiveness, to the extent that I sometimes forget I'm an international student!

## NOTABLE UCR PROFESSORS



**REZA ASLAN,**  
**CREATIVE WRITING**

Renowned writer, producer, commentator and scholar of religions. Wrote the *New York Times* best-seller "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth" and international best-seller "No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam."



**SHERINE HAFEZ,**  
**GENDER AND  
SEXUALITY STUDIES**

Explores gender, women's activism, Muslim cultures and Arab uprisings. Wrote "The Terms of Empowerment: Islamic Women Activists in Egypt" and "An Islam of Her Own: Reconsidering Religion And Secularism In Women's Islamic Movements."

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## STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

**Work closely with an award-winning faculty!**

UCR faculty includes 48 Fulbright Fellows, 19 recipients of Guggenheim Fellowships and 49 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellows.





GHAZI ALSANAD

MAJOR: **BIOLOGY**  
FROM: **SAUDI ARABIA**

### Why I Chose UC Riverside

I came to the United States to pursue my degree in medicine. UCR has the newest medical school in the UC system, which can open many doors for international students who are trying to pursue a career in the medical field.

### Challenging, Fun and Diverse

UCR is a challenging school that will help you to progress in higher education while having fun. I was surprised by the diversity that UCR offers — from students to professors — which helps me to learn about different cultures.

### Student Wellness

UCR throws a party every quarter to lift the spirits of students — it relieved my stress before taking midterms!

### Explore Southern California

Going to Big Bear with my friends was the most memorable moment during my time at UCR. I enjoy my time in Southern California as it holds many unforgettable sites, which are not too far from campus.

98

% OF FACULTY WITH  
PH.D. OR EQUIVALENT

## NOTABLE UCR PROFESSORS



**LAILA LALAMI,**  
**CREATIVE WRITING**

Wrote “The Moor’s Account,” a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Wrote pieces for the *Washington Post*, the *Guardian* and the *New York Times*. Writes the Between the Lines column for *The Nation* and is a critic-at-large for the *Los Angeles Times*.



**REZA ABBASCHIAN,**  
**MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERING**

Connected UCR to Winston Chung, who donated \$10 million to establish the Winston Chung Global Energy Center at UCR. Helps UCR make global contributions to sustainability and energy storage innovation.



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