Congratulations and Welcome!

Your student was recently admitted to UC Riverside and is now part of the Highlander family. So are you! This booklet provides resources and answers to some frequently asked questions that may be of interest to you.

This year, UCR registered its largest-ever number of applicants. The campus showed the largest percentage increase in transfer applicants and overall applicants in the UC system. UCR can only accept a fraction of those students, so the fact that your student was accepted speaks to their accomplishments and potential, and to the encouragement and support they have received from you along the way.

The next step is for your student to say YES to UC Riverside by submitting their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) through their My.UCR.edu account by May 1 for freshmen or June 1 for transfer students. After that, we will provide more details on your student’s future here! For now, this booklet is a good start to discover more about UCR and how we help your student succeed.

I hope to see you and your student here at our next Highlander Orientation in the summer to welcome you in person. If you have additional questions, please reach out to us directly at (951) 827-3411 or email admissions@ucr.edu.

Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor
A PLACE IN THE SUN

Welcome to blue skies, friendly faces, and open spaces for world-class learning, living, and student success. Located an hour away from popular destinations like Los Angeles, Disneyland, Palm Springs, Laguna Beach, and the mountains, UCR’s beautiful Southern California campus is your student’s first step to a fantastic future.
A PLACE TO BELONG
Choosing a college is an important life decision for your student.

It's a journey you share with them — and we hope it leads to UCR. Your student was admitted to UC Riverside because we recognize their hard work, preparation, potential, and concern for others. That sounds like a Highlander. That sounds like a perfect fit for UCR.

As one of the world’s finest universities, UC Riverside is a place for learning, growing, and pursuing dreams. It’s also a place of inclusivity, empowerment, and belonging. Here, your student can prepare for the future and be part of a diverse, caring community. So can you, by joining the UCR Parents Association to stay connected and informed. parents.ucr.edu

A PLACE THAT VALUES SAFETY
Your student is in good hands here.

Student success and safety are top priorities at UCR. We have an on-campus police department that is on call 24/7 and patrols the campus, as well as an emergency notification system that sends them urgent texts, a no-tolerance policy against sexual violence, and secure residence halls with video surveillance, restricted card access and live-in staff. Our Community Service Officers patrol halls and parking lots during evening hours, and Campus Safety Escorts are available to walk students across campus at night.

We have many other safety measures in place, but nothing tops our most important one — our caring community. We look out for each other.
At UCR, we have people and programs dedicated to helping your student feel safe, supported, included, healthy, and successful.
Highlanders are generous in spirit to one another—and to our neighbors. UCR consistently ranks among the nation’s top schools for community service and contributing to the public good.
A PLACE OF INCLUSION AND INVOLVEMENT

Like you, we want your student to have the best college experience possible. That’s why we offer nearly unlimited opportunities for your student to get involved, make friends, and have fun — from student clubs to concerts, workshops, service projects, movies, athletics, intramural sports, excursions, and more.

A Place of Respect and Celebration

At UCR, it’s come as you are.

UCR is a place for your student to be unique, be part of an accepting community, and have a voice. We help students connect, celebrate their culture, and succeed academically and socially. Our support includes the Academic Resource Center, the Student Disability Resource Center, the Veterans Resource Center, International Students & Scholars Office, and the offices of our Ethnic and Gender Programs: African Student Programs, Asian Pacific Student Programs, Chicano Student Programs, LGBT Resource Center, Middle Eastern Student Center, Native American Student Programs, Undocumented Student Programs, and Women’s Resource Center.
A PLACE TO LEARN, DREAM AND DO

If your student can dream it, we can help them do it.

As one of the most prestigious universities in the U.S., UC Riverside offers world-class academics and research. Your student can choose from over 150 majors/minors and set out on a journey of discovery and achievement. admissions.ucr.edu/majors

Schools and Colleges

Academic programs at UCR are offered in the following colleges and schools:

- Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE)
  student.engr.ucr.edu
- School of Business
  business.ucr.edu
- School of Medicine (SOM)
  medschool.ucr.edu
- School of Public Policy (SPP)
  spp.ucr.edu

Academic Support

Sometimes students need help with their studies, time management, and adjusting to college life. We can help, with resources such as an Academic Resource Center for tutoring, First Year Learning Communities for peer social and study support, First Year Programs with trained student leaders, and a University Honors Program for students who seek even higher challenges and opportunities.
UCR has a reputation for groundbreaking research, and is one of the few U.S. institutions to offer exceptional research opportunities to undergraduate students in all fields of study.
Through rigorous academic study, opportunities for hands-on research, and job search skill building from the Career Center, your student will be prepared to achieve their dreams in a global workforce.
A PLACE TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER

The ultimate goal of getting a good education is to be able to achieve a dream. Get a well-paying job. Enjoy career success and financial freedom. That’s why, from day one, your student has access to UCR’s Career Center programs, workshops, and events. From personalized career counseling and career fairs to job search workshops, job discovery panels, help with resumes, and networking/recruiting events with top employers, we help prepare your student for career success. careers.ucr.edu

UCR is the 28th best college for your money potential in California. (PayScale 2019–20 College Salary Report)
A PLACE TO BE HEALTHY AND WELL

Your student will do better academically when their mind, body, and spirit are in top shape. That’s why we have resources, programs, facilities, and services to keep them healthy and well, including:

The Well – well.ucr.edu
The Well provides resources and support for your student’s physical, social, emotional, and spiritual health, including wellness programs and a peer mentor network.

Recreation – recreation.ucr.edu
Your student can keep active and healthy at UCR’s state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center (SRC), with indoor rock climbing, weight lifting, swimming, playing basketball, fitness classes, and more. They can also go on group trips like kayaking and hiking with Outdoor Excursions, or rent gear to explore on their own.

Student Health Services (SHS) – studenthealth.ucr.edu
Your student can access this full-service, on-campus healthcare facility for urgent care, exams, prescriptions, diagnostic tests, lab services, dental care, and more. With the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP), your student’s doctor visits here are free.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) – counseling.ucr.edu
Your student has access to psychiatric services, free counseling, and 24-hour mental health support.

All registered UCR students are automatically members of our on-campus, 155,000-square-foot (14,399-square-meter) Student Recreation Center.
A PLACE TO FIT IN, EXPLORE, AND HAVE FUN

College should be fun! UCR offers many opportunities for involvement, community building, enjoyment, exploration, and creative expression, including:

**Student Organizations – highlanderlink.ucr.edu**
Joining a student org is a great way to get involved and meet friends. UCR has over 450 social, service, and academic student orgs – including over 30 sororities and fraternities.

**Campus Events – events.ucr.edu**
There’s always something going on at UCR! From art exhibits and athletic games to concerts, lectures, movies, and service opportunities — your student will have many options.

**Study Abroad Programs – ea.ucr.edu**
UCR prepares students to be part of a global workplace, and that includes providing worldwide study opportunities through our Education Abroad programs.
Students can live in one of our convenient Residence Halls that has a full array of amenities, programs, and fun activities. Transfer and continuing students can live in resort-like Campus Apartment communities with amenities like pools, computer labs, and study lounges.

The new Dundee Residence Hall (available fall 2020) will feature more than 800 beds in two seven-story residential towers. Featuring a fitness center, fall lounges, and outdoor recreation areas, Dundee sits adjacent to the new two-story Glasgow Residential Restaurant.
A PLACE TO LIVE, DINE, AND THRIVE

housing.ucr.edu

UCR is home to students who live on campus, live nearby, or commute to campus. UCR has resources to help everyone live well and be part of the campus community. Get a feel for housing and campus life. Schedule a free tour or take a virtual tour.

visit.ucr.edu

DINING

dining.ucr.edu

Your student has many dining options at UCR, and dining plans are available to make getting a bite to eat easier than ever. Choices include American and international cuisines, residential and retail restaurants, convenience stores, a HUB food court, coffee shops, food trucks, specialty menus with vegetarian, vegan, and halal options, and healthy choices — all right here on campus.
A PLACE TO FEEL AT HOME

Residence Life housing.ucr.edu

Living on campus, in the center of everything, your student can experience much more than classroom learning alone. In fact, national studies show that living on campus boosts the quality of a student’s educational experience.

Residence Halls aren’t just places to sleep — they’re places to live, to feel at home, to learn, to make friends and to have fun. They include computer labs, laundry facilities, and tutoring services. Learning is always a priority. Beyond that, they offer hall-to-hall competitions, socials, dances, pool parties, cultural celebrations, BBQ’s, concerts, movies, and more. We also offer Living-Learning Communities and Themed Hall living options that connect your student to other students by common interests, heritage, and/or personal development.

Commuter & Transfer Resources

go.ucr.edu/commuterresources • go.ucr.edu/transferresources

If your student lives off-campus or has transferred here, UCR has services, resources, and programs to help them get and stay connected on campus. This includes a Commuter and Transfer Lounge, a bi-weekly newsletter, a Commuter Guide, special dining plan options, carpools, and social “Pit Stops” with snacks.
A PLACE OF HIGH REGARD

UC Riverside is not just an academic powerhouse and part of the prestigious UC system. We also rank high in other areas that count: research, value, inclusive culture, diversity, contributions to the world, and goodwill.

#1 top performer on social mobility in the nation — U.S. News & World Report 2020 Best Colleges

#2 in the nation for performance of students receiving Pell Grants — Washington Monthly 2019 College Guide and Rankings

#12 best college for your money in the nation — Money Magazine, 2019

#27 best value college in America — Forbes, 2019
And that’s not all. UCR is:

**A Social Butterfly**
We are the first School of Public Policy at a major research university in the Inland Southern California region.

**Artfully Curated**
Pulitzer Prize winners and a U.S. poet laureate graduated from our CHASS. Recently added is Frank Bidart ’62 (English) with a 2018 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for his book “Half-light: Collected Poems 1965–2016.”

**In Good Health**
Our School of Medicine, which graduated its first class in 2017, made the rankings for the first time, at No. 93. (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

**Making a Science of It**
We’re ranked No. 2 in Entomology research in the world. (Center for World University Rankings)

**Taking Care of Business**
Our School of Business continues to place in the nation’s top 100 Best Graduate Business Schools in the latest U.S. News ranking. The A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management has consistently climbed in rankings, and placed at No. 89, rising four places from the 2018 ranking. (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

**Teaching Everybody a Few Things**
Our Graduate School of Education ranked as a top 100 graduate school in the nation. (U.S. News & World Report, 2018)

**Technologically Advanced**
BCOE is ranked 34th among public engineering colleges in the nation. (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)
A PLACE TO SUCCEED

UCR students make attractive job candidates upon graduation, and top corporations come here to recruit.

Employers that have recruited, hired or engaged with UCR students for job discovery, internships, campus interviews or careers include:

Airbnb
Amazon
Apple Inc.
Blizzard
Deloitte
Edwards Lifesciences
Environmental Protection Agency
Esri
Facebook
Foresters Financial
GEICO

Goldman Sachs
Hewlett-Packard
IBM
Intel Corporation
Kia Motors
LinkedIn
Lockheed Martin
Macy’s
Microsoft
Nestle USA
New York Life
Northrop Grumman Corporation

PepsiCo
Pixar
Qualcomm
SpaceX
Target
Teach for America
Twitter
Uber
Walt Disney Company
Wells Fargo
Yelp

A PLACE TO IMPACT THE WORLD

Year after year, UCR ranks among the nation’s top schools when it comes to contributions to the public good.

Highlanders want to make an impact on the world. To not just succeed – but to help others do the same. And we do.

Our graduates are Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners, award-winning journalists and filmmakers, business leaders and presidents, scientists, actors and dancers, engineers, counselors, social justice leaders, teachers, Olympians, and so much more. We look forward to your student being another success story. alumni.ucr.edu

89% of the class of 2018 was employed or enrolled in a post-grad program six to 12 months after graduation.
A PLACE TO LEARN FROM WORLD-RENOWNED FACULTY

UCR students are taught by some of the most knowledgeable, respected and accomplished faculty in the world.

Our dedicated faculty helps students learn, think, grow and know. They are award-winning scholars, researchers and thought leaders.

• Richard R. Schrock, Nobel Prize winning chemist and UCR alumnus, joined our College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences faculty in 2018.
• Barry C. Barish, 2017’s Nobel Prize winning physicist, joined the UCR faculty in 2018.

Of our 900 scholars and researchers, 98 percent hold Ph.D.’s.
admissions.ucr.edu/cost

Ranked by The Times Higher Education World University Rankings and Shanghai Jiao Tong University and as one of the world’s top universities, UCR is above average academically and costs considerably less than many other schools when dispensing financial aid is considered (need-based grants and scholarships). In fact, about 91.2% of undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid; about 70% of those who receive financial aid have their full fees covered by grants and/or scholarships.

Get more for your money.

Every registered UCR student has nationwide health coverage. Your student is automatically enrolled into UC Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and can see a doctor and nurse on campus with no out-of-pocket expense. X-rays, lab work and even prescriptions are available.

Every UCR student also has access to the Student Recreation Center (SRC), a 155,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility for exercise, sports activities, swimming, events and general recreational use.

California lifestyle – for less.

The cost of attending UCR is extremely competitive compared to other private institutions in Southern California and other University of California campuses. Even better, the expenses associated with living in Riverside are considerably less than those of nearby metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego. Your student will enjoy an average of 277 days of sunshine a year, while being less than an hour away from beaches, mountains, deserts and major cities!

Tuition, Cost and Fees

UCR’s undergraduate tuition and fees are $15,627* — nonresident students pay additional fees. Visit admissions.ucr.edu/cost to see a breakdown of UCR’s cost for all populations.

*Tuition, fees and charges are estimates based on currently approved amounts. These figures may not be final. Actual tuition, fees and charges are subject to change by the Regents of the University of California and could be affected by State funding reductions. Accordingly, final approved levels (and a student’s final balance due) may differ from the amounts shown.

Some or all instruction for all or part of academic year 2020–21 may be delivered remotely. Tuition and mandatory fees have been set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the academic year.
A PLACE THAT’S GENEROUS WITH FINANCIAL AID

financialaid.ucr.edu • (951) 827-3878

A UC degree is more affordable than you might think!

Nothing should stop your student from accessing UCR’s world-class education — especially money. Grants, scholarships, loans and work-study are offered to qualified students by our Financial Aid office.

91 percent of UCR undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid, and 73 percent of those students had their full fees covered by grants and/or scholarships.

Remind your student to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov every year by the priority filing of March 2 for the best chances of getting financial aid.

A note for Dreamers: The California Dream Act (AB 130 & AB 131) allows AB 540 students to be eligible for state financial aid. Students granted DACA should apply for California Dream Act, not FAFSA. dream.csac.ca.gov
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
You have questions. We have answers. Discover more about how UCR will support your student. go.ucr.edu/parents

Why UC Riverside?
There are many reasons more than 23,000 students attend UCR each year. We are part of the prestigious University of California system, and are known for our impressive rankings, cutting-edge research, diverse student body, friendliness, and our easy access to everything Southern California offers.
admissions.ucr.edu

Do you have housing and dining options on campus?
Yes. Residence Hall housing is available for single first-year students, and we have many dining options on campus. For transfer students, upperclassmen and students with families, we offer UCR Campus Apartments and Family Housing as well.

It is not possible to know at this time whether the COVID-19 pandemic will result in changes to operations in student housing and residential life in academic year 2020–21. Consequently, we are not offering a housing guarantee.

There are also many off-campus dining options within easy walking distance. housing.ucr.edu • dining.ucr.edu

How can parents get involved with the campus?
The support of parents and families plays an integral role in their student’s experience at UCR. The Parents Association is an opportunity for parents to engage with the campus and stay connected with their student. All parents and families of current students are invited to participate. parents.ucr.edu
Does my student need to have a car?
No. Classes, shops and dining are within walking distance of the university, and students have several options for distant locations, including taking the bus (students ride free on Riverside Transit Agency busses by showing their R’Card), Metrolink (just minutes away), the Zip Car rental service or asking friends with cars for rides. Anyone parking a car on campus needs to have a parking pass. Freshmen living on campus are not allowed to purchase a parking permit unless they are approved for an exemption.

parking.ucr.edu

Will my student get the classes they need to graduate in four years?
UCR has expanded the number of seats available in many classes as part of the university-wide Finish in 4 initiative. Students are encouraged to take 15 credits per quarter, meet regularly with their academic advisor, attend summer session and take advantage of supportive resources including the Academic Resource Center to complete their degree in four years. finishinfour.ucr.edu

Is UCR affordable?
Yes! We offer a range of scholarships/resources to help your student pay for college depending on your finances and need. Through FAFSA (fafsa.ed.gov) or the California Dream Act Application, students can apply for most aid with just one application. Meeting deadlines is important, so students should reach out to Financial Aid advisors with any questions about the application process. financialaid.ucr.edu

Will my student have things to do around campus?
There is always something going on at UCR! Students enjoy events such as UCR’s two major concerts throughout the year, workshops, live performances, athletic events, theatre productions, speakers, celebrations, community service and leadership opportunities, more than 450 student organizations, and more than 40 fraternities and sororities.
events.ucr.edu • highlanderlink.ucr.edu
How can I help my student be successful at UCR?

Encourage your student to get involved and use the many resources available on campus, such as the Academic Resource Center, academic programs, library workshops, Ethnic & Gender Programs offices and special academic support programs within our Residence Halls. Your continued support and encouragement is also one of the biggest factors for success.

What medical resources are available for my student?

UCR’s Student Health Services (SHS) is a full doctor’s office and pharmacy on campus where students can go for checkups, medical visits and prescriptions. Students also have access to a dentist and optometrist. All students are required to have health insurance, whether it’s UCR’s medical insurance (UC SHIP) or their own private insurance. All students can use SHS, but the only insurance accepted there is UC SHIP; students with private insurance pay out of pocket for services. We also have an on-campus Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) office that is free to students who are currently enrolled at UCR and have paid registration fees.

Is my student required to have a laptop?

Students in the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) have a laptop requirement, with specifications listed at student.engr.ucr.edu/laptop.html. Otherwise, students are not required to have a laptop, but it is recommended. They can check out laptops through the HUB by using their R’Card (their UCR ID card), and can use the many computer labs available within various campus buildings and housing areas. Students also have access to printers.

Still have more questions?

We have more answers on our website. go.ucr.edu/parents
UCR is specifically designed to offer resources and opportunities for a wide range of students no matter the background, color, religion, etc. Students here are inviting and encouraging, so it’s easy to find a home at UCR.”

Mehvish Ali ’20
**IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

- **Residence Halls Contract Available** (Visit [My.UCR.edu](http://My.UCR.edu) or [housing.ucr.edu](http://housing.ucr.edu)) **March 1**
- **Highlander Day (for Admitted Students)** ([highlanderday.ucr.edu](http://highlanderday.ucr.edu)) **April 4 (Freshman)**
  - **May 2 (Transfer)**
- **Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) Deadline** **May 1 (Freshmen)**
  - **June 1 (Transfer)**
- **Transcript and Document Deadlines**
  - **July 1** – Transcripts
  - **July 15** – Documents and Test Scores
- **Freshmen Two-Day Orientation** ([orientation.ucr.edu](http://orientation.ucr.edu)) **July - August** (Various Dates)
- **Transfer One-Day Orientation** ([orientation.ucr.edu](http://orientation.ucr.edu)) **Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10**
- **UCR Campus Apartments Check-in Day** **Sept. 20**
- **Residence Halls Move-in Day** **Sept. 21–22**
- **First Day of Fall Quarter** **Sept. 28**
NEXT STEPS AND DEADLINES

Admission to UC Riverside is highly competitive, so it is important that your student says “YES” to UCR by submitting their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) on time and continuing to meet all deadlines.

Remind your student to go to My.UCR.EDU – the “go to” place for all communication from UCR about a student’s admission status, including important dates and deadlines. UCR has already created a My.UCR.EDU account for your student, and sent an email with their username and instructions for creating a password. If your student didn’t receive this email, please have them call Undergraduate Admissions at (951) 827-3411.

Say YES to UCR!
SIR today! go.ucr.edu/sayYES

Your student’s next steps are to submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) at go.ucr.edu/sayYES by the date listed on their MyUCR account and keep track of important dates and deadlines.

SIR Deadline:
May 1 (freshman)
June 1 (transfer)

Check the Status of Financial Aid.

If your student applied for financial aid, they need to check their status at their MyUCR account.

We look forward to having you and your student as part of the Highlander family and to seeing you on campus soon!
HELPFUL NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Academic Resource Center (Learning Center)
(951) 827-3721 | arc.ucr.edu
Admissions Office (Undergraduate)
(951) 827-3411 | admissions.ucr.edu
Campus Operator
Dial 0 from campus phones | (951) 827-1012
Campus Store (Bookstore)
(951) 827-2665 | campusstore.ucr.edu
Career Center
(951) 827-3631 | careers.ucr.edu
Counseling and Psychological Services
(951) 827-5531 | counseling.ucr.edu
Counseling 24-Hour Hotline
2-TALK (8255) | (951) 827-TALK (8255)
Emergency Assistance (on or off campus)
911
Financial Aid Office
(951) 827-3878 | financialaid.ucr.edu
Housing Information
(951) 827-6350 | housing.ucr.edu
International Students and Scholars Office
(951) 827-4113 | international.ucr.edu/studentsandscholars
Library – Tomas Rivera
(951) 827-3220 | library.ucr.edu
Library – Orbach Science Library
(951) 827-3701 | library.ucr.edu
Office of the Registrar
(951) 827-7284 | registrar.ucr.edu
Outdoor Excursions
(951) 827-7040 | excursions.ucr.edu
Police (UCR Police, non-emergency)
(951) 827-5222 | police.ucr.edu
Sexual Assault Resources
CARE (Campus Advocacy, Resources, & Education)
(951) 827-6225 | care.ucr.edu
Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Programs
(951) 827-4208 | conduct.ucr.edu
Student Disability Resource Center
(951) 827-3861 | sdrc.ucr.edu
Student Health Services
(951) 827-3031 | studenthealth.ucr.edu
Student Life (Clubs, Recreation & Orientation)
(951) 827-7344 | studentlife.ucr.edu
Student Recreation Center
(951) 827-5738 | recreation.ucr.edu
Transfer Success Program
(951) 827-3721 | go.ucr.edu/TransferSuccess
Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS)
(951) 827-8277 | parking.ucr.edu

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
(951) 827-3683 | chass.ucr.edu
College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
(951) 827-6555 | cnas.ucr.edu
Graduate School of Education
(951) 827-5225 | education.ucr.edu
Marian and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering
(951) 827-5190 | student.engr.ucr.edu
School of Business
(951) 827-4551 | business.ucr.edu
School of Medicine
(951) 827-4568 | medschool.ucr.edu
School of Public Policy
(951) 827-2334 | spp.ucr.edu

RESIDENCE HALLS

Aberdeen-Inverness
(951) 827-5460
Lothian
(951) 827-5972
Pentland Hills
(951) 827-6500
This information is accurate and reliable at the time of publication but may change without notice. Please contact Undergraduate Admissions for the most up-to-date information. (05/20)

As part of UC Riverside's federal reporting requirements under the Clery Act, you can access our Annual Security and Fire Safety Report at go.ucr.edu/CleryAct. A full list of Consumer and Safety Information Disclosures is also available at go.ucr.edu/ConsumerSafety.