

BASIC NEEDS

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Our resources include the R’Pantry which provides currently enrolled students with food resources, hygiene products, and childcare items. Additionally, we offer application assistance for the CalFresh food aid enrollment process, and additional support through our Economic Crisis Response Team, Grocery Support Program, and Emergency Housing Program.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Basic Needs department is to provide resources to students experiencing food and housing insecurities in an effort to alleviate these stressors and promote overall, greater academic and personal success and wellbeing.

Dedicated to Student Success

Students experiencing challenges with meeting their basic needs, often find it difficult to focus on their academics. Students accessing basic needs resources generally find some relief to these stressors and are able to focus more attentively on their studies therefore achieving greater academic success.

“During times of some much uncertainty, it’s comforting to know that the Basic Needs Department will take care of me and the rest of [UCR] students.”

– Quinterrageneva W.

“I didn’t know how much I would love working in the Basic Needs department, until I realized how many students we were really helping and how big of a difference we were making in their day to day lives. The gratitude expressed by my fellow peers who I’ve had interactions within this department is what has been the most rewarding for me and is an indicator that we are truly helping UCR students meet their most basic needs.”

– Jeff V.

“I feel so thankful that there is a Basic needs department at UCR. As an international student, I struggled with food insecurity but thanks to basic needs, I was able to concentrate on studying without worrying too much about my meals. The staff is so nice and always welcoming, I am beyond grateful for this department.”

– Stephanie C.

AWARDED:

Charity of the Year Award
(Feeding America Inland Empire, 2020)

QUICK FACT

While Basic Needs resources have existed on campus since 2014, the Basic Needs Department was formally recognized as an official department on UCR’s campus in September 2020.

STUDENTS SERVED

OVER 16,000
(2019-20)