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.
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. Find out more at parents.ucr.edu.

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, 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 be 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 87 majors, and set out on a journey of discovery and achievement. See the options at admissions.ucr.edu/academics.

Schools and Colleges

Your student’s major will fall within one of UCR’s nationally recognized colleges or schools:

- Anderson Graduate School of Management (AGSM)
  agsm.ucr.edu

- College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS)
  chass.ucr.edu

- College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)
  cnas.ucr.edu

- Graduate School of Education (GSOE)
  education.ucr.edu

- Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE)
  student.engr.ucr.edu

- School of Business (SB)
  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. Find out more at careers.ucr.edu.
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, 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 450+ social, service and academic student orgs – including over 40 sororities and fraternities.

Campus Events – rs SIDE.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 – studyabroad.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.
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 at 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 (including our Moo Moo ice cream truck!), specialty menus, and healthy options – 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
facebook.com/commuterprogramsatucr

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.

*The Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2017)* placed UCR as the 165th ranked university in the world. The survey of more than 13,000 experienced academics from 131 countries ranked institutions solely on their reputations for teaching and research.

*Shanghai Jiao Tong University (August 2017)* Academic Ranking of World Universities ranked UC Riverside among the top 151 institutions.

*The Princeton Review (August 2018)* included UC Riverside in it’s listing of “The Best 382 Colleges.”

*Washington Monthly (2016)* ranked UCR #3 in the nation for community service participation.
And that’s not all. We are …

**First in Forty**
The UCR School of Medicine is California’s first new public medical school in more than 40 years. Up to 24 UCR undergraduate students have a reserved spot when they graduate.

**World-Renowned**
The Center for World University Rankings name UCR’s entomology program No. 2 in the world (2017).

**Glad to Be Green**
The Sierra Club’s 2017 Cool Schools Ranking listed UCR 35th out of 277 universities for its energy-saving and sustainability efforts. UCR also ranks #2 in the UC system for on-site renewable energy.

**A Business Leader**
The School of Business is ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* among the Top 100 Business Schools and in the top 25% of the Best MBA Programs in America (2018).

**One of the Best**

**Dedicated to Student Success**
UCR won the 2016 Project Degree Completion Award for innovation in boosted graduation rates from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.

**A Standout in the Sciences**
Leiden ranked UCR in the top 6% out of the leading 500 major universities in the world for physical sciences and engineering, and in the top 26% for life sciences, earth sciences, mathematics and computer sciences (2017).

**Impacting the Future**
*U.S. News and World Report* ranked the Graduate School of Education as a Top 100 Graduate School in the nation (2018).
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
- Blizzard
- Deloitte
- Edwards Lifesciences
- Esri
- Facebook
- Foresters Financial
- Goldman Sachs
- Hewlett-Packard
- IBM
- Intel Corporation
- Kia Motors
- Lockheed Martin
- Macy’s
- Microsoft
- Nestle USA
- New York Life
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- PepsiCo
- Pixar
- Qualcomm
- Target
- Teach for America
- Twitter
- 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. Learn more about our cool alumni at alumni.ucr.edu.

In 2017, 89% of UCR graduates were either employed or in a post-graduate program within six 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.

- Our faculty includes 48 Fulbright Fellows, 19 recipients of Guggenheim Fellowships, and 49 National Endowment for the Humanities fellows.
- Research from UCR faculty and students impacts the world in all fields. For example, UC researchers were part of the team that discovered a galaxy that is farthest from the Sun.
AFFORDABLE
You can afford UCR!

Ranked by Shanghai Jiao Tong University and The Times Higher Education World University Rankings as one of the world’s top universities, UCR is above average academically and costs considerably less than many other schools when dispensed financial aid is taken into account (need-based grants and scholarships). In fact, 86% of our undergraduate students receive financial aid. Of those students, 70% have all of their system-wide fees covered with scholarships and grants.

Costs and Fees

The cost of attending UC Riverside is extremely competitive with private institutions and other University of California campuses. Expenses associated with living in Riverside are considerably less than those of nearby metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego.

Estimated UC SHIP (UC Student Health Insurance Plan)

UC SHIP = $1,757.75
Fees including UC SHIP = $15,674.99
Non-Resident Tuition and Fees: $43,689 Undergraduates ($15,675 Tuition and Fees + $28,014 Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition)

UC SHIP is a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan, which means that students have access to a network of participating doctors, hospitals and other health care providers. UC SHIP also includes dental and vision care. The plan provider is Anthem, and it is underwritten by AIG.

Students are automatically enrolled in the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP), but may submit a waiver if that have other qualifying insurance. If your student chooses to waive out of the UC SHIP plan, they must do so before Sept. 12. There is a $50 fee for late waiver submissions. The deadline for late submissions is Sept. 23. Please note: If your student chooses to waive out, they must submit a waiver each academic year they attend UCR.

* Amounts above are estimates subject to Regental approval and may change. Fees are as of June 2016, and are subject to change.
FINANCIAL AID
finaid.ucr.edu • fafsa.ed.gov • (951) 827-3878

Nothing should stop your student from accessing UC Riverside’s world-class education – especially money.

Your student can pay for school (and graduate with less debt) thanks to easy-to-apply-for financial aid.

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov by the priority filing of March 2 for the best chance of getting financial aid. Your student can find out about their financial aid award on their MyUCR account at my.ucr.edu.

UCR distributed more than $455 million annually in financial aid. From grants and scholarships to loans and work-study, you have options, including Blue + Gold (for a family income less than $80,000 a year), the Middle Class Scholarship and financial aid for Dream Act Students. Find out more at finaid.ucr.edu.

File your FAFSA application every year, even if you don’t think you’ll qualify! You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. fafsa.ed.gov
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You have questions. We have answers. Discover more about how UCR will support your student at 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. Find many more reasons “why” online at admissions.ucr.edu/whyUCR.

Do you have housing and dining options on campus?
Yes. Residence Hall housing for single first-year students is guaranteed as long as deadlines are met, 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.

There are also many off-campus dining options within easy walking distance. To access on campus dining, find out more at housing.ucr.edu and dining.ucr.edu – and come for a visit!
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. For more information, go to finaid.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. To find out what’s going on each week, go to rside.ucr.edu and highlanderlink.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. Go to parking.ucr.edu for more information.

Does my student need to have a car?

Is UCR affordable?

Will my student have things to do around campus?

Does my student need to have a car?

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. For more information, go to finishinfour.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.

You probably have more questions. We’re happy to provide answers. Check out additional common parent/guardian questions at go.ucr.edu/parents.
“UCR is more than a school. It is a family full of people who share a common goal of love and service to our community. If I had to choose a university to attend all over again, UCR will always be my number one choice.”

- “Rocky” Peter Ajoku ‘13
Residence Halls Contract Available (Visit My.UCR.edu or housing.ucr.edu)  
Highlander Day (for Admitted Students) (highlanderday.ucr.edu)  
Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) Deadline  
Housing Guarantee Deadline (housing.ucr.edu)  
Transcript and Document Deadlines  
Freshmen Two-Day Orientation (orientation.ucr.edu)  
Transfer One-Day Orientation (orientation.ucr.edu)  
UCR Campus Apartments Check-in Day  
Residence Halls Move-in Day  
First Day of Fall Quarter  
Last Day of Fall Quarter  

March 1  
April 7  
May 1 (Freshmen)  
June 1 (Transfer)  
May 10  
July 1 – Transcripts  
July 15 – Documents and Test Scores  
July - August (Various Dates)  
Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10  
Sept. 21  
Sept. 23  
Sept. 24  
Dec. 8
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) 827-4311.

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

**Campus Operator**
Dial 0 from campus phones | (951) 827-1012

**Emergency Assistance (on or off campus)**
911

**Academic Resource Center (Learning Center)**
(951) 827-3721 | arc.ucr.edu

**Admissions Office (Undergraduate)**
(951) 827-3411 | admissions.ucr.edu

**Campus Store (Bookstore)**
(951) 827-2665 | campusstore.ucr.edu

**Campus Tours**
(951) 827-8687 | visit.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)

**Financial Aid Office**
(951) 827-3878 | finaid.ucr.edu

**Housing Information**
(951) 827-6350 | housing.ucr.edu

**International Students and Scholars Office**
(951) 827-4113 | internationalscholars.ucr.edu

**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

**Student Disability Resource Center**
(951) 827-3861 | sdrc.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 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

**Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS)**
(951) 827-8277 | parking.ucr.edu

**School of Medicine**
(951) 827-4568 | medschool.ucr.edu

**School of Business**
(951) 827-4551 | business.ucr.edu

**School of Public Policy**
(951) 827-2334 | spp.ucr.edu

**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

**Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering**
(951) 827-5190 | student.engr.ucr.edu

**School of Business**
(951) 827-4551 | business.ucr.edu

**School of Public Policy**
(951) 827-2334 | spp.ucr.edu

**Aberdeen-Inverness**
(951) 827-5460

**Lothian**
(951) 827-5972

**Pentland Hills**
(951) 827-6500

RESIDENCE HALLS
Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented herein. However, all information is subject to change. Please check with the appropriate organization, department, service provider or website for the most up-to-date information.