



UC: Working to Serve California, the Nation, and the World

The University of California is...

- 220,000 students enrolled at UC campuses
- 180,000 faculty and staff, one of the state's largest employers
- 45,000 retirees
- 1.6 million living alumni

As a center for lifelong learning and continuing professional development, UC also has the nation's largest continuing education program, with about 300,000 students each year enrolled in 17,000 Extension courses around the state.

The promise and power of ten

UC campuses and programs are integral contributors to the health and prosperity of California communities across the state. The size and breadth of the University's intellectual and scientific resources give UC a unique ability to tackle many of the pressing challenges facing California, the nation, and the world on the scale that modern challenges require.

We have ten campuses – Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, UCLA, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. But UC's presence extends far beyond the campuses, reaching throughout the state. UC operates five medical centers, 17 health professional schools, four law schools, and a statewide Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Education Abroad Program provides students with learning opportunities around the world, and UC academic centers in Sacramento and Washington give students an up-close look at the world of government.



In addition, UC is involved in the management of three U.S. Department of Energy laboratories – Lawrence Berkeley and Lawrence Livermore in California, and Los Alamos in New Mexico. These laboratories are performing cutting-edge research in fields ranging from national security to energy efficiency.

Access to an excellent education

UC's academic offerings span more than 150 disciplines, with more departments ranked in the top 10 nationally than at any other university. Six UC campuses are members of the prestigious 62-member Association of American Universities, a representation unmatched by any other state. UC confers more than 40,000 bachelor's degrees each year and awards more Ph.D.s than any other U.S. university – 7 percent of the annual nationwide Ph.D. total.

UC offers freshman admission to the top 12.5 percent of California public high school graduates statewide and the top 4 percent of the class in each California public high school. The University also operates a strong transfer program allowing thousands of California Community College students each year to go on to UC and complete a bachelor's degree. UC students receive almost \$2 billion in financial aid, including more than \$1.1 billion in grants and scholarships, and two-thirds of UC students receive some kind of aid. The UC system enrolls a higher percentage of low-income (Pell Grant-eligible) students than any other top research university, public or private, across the nation. Average time to degree for an entering UC freshman: 4 years + 1 quarter.

A total of 54 faculty members and researchers affiliated with the University of California have won 55 Nobel Prizes, including 22 since 1995. UC-affiliated faculty and researchers also include 57 National Medal of Science winners, more than 350 National Academy of Sciences members, and more than 150 Institute of Medicine members.

Innovations for economic development

As the State of California's official public research institution, UC creates an average of three new inventions every day. For 14 years in a row, UC has developed more patents than any other university in the country. UC also is the nation's top university in attracting federal R&D investment.

The results have a major impact on our economy, health, and quality of life – from the gene-splicing techniques that founded the biotechnology industry to earthquake-resistant technologies that have made buildings, freeways, and bridges safer. UC researchers are leaders in many of the fields occupying public attention today, from global warming to poverty to cancer.

UC also is reaching out to build new research and education partnerships around the globe – with nations including China, India, Mexico, and Canada – to ensure that California stays on the forefront of global competitiveness, and to foster collaboration with leading researchers around the world in tackling problems common to many societies.

Improving health

UC has the largest health sciences training program in the nation, educating 13,000 students each year and training two-thirds of the state's medical students. The University also operates the fifth-largest health care delivery system in California. UC hospitals handle 3.6 million outpatient visits, 239,000 emergency room visits, and 138,000 inpatient admissions each year, and the hospitals serve as one of the state's largest providers of health care to low-income, medically vulnerable patients.

A commitment to public service

UC is working to help improve the academic performance of students in California's K-12 schools. The University operates academic preparation programs across the state that focus on improving the college readiness of educationally disadvantaged students. In addition, a range of UC academic programs exist to train public school teachers and administrators. The "California Teach" program also has been launched to expand the number of UC undergraduates who will go on to become mathematics and science teachers for California's public schools in the coming years.

UC also enriches the life of California's communities through the University's cultural arts, performance, and athletics programs; through the 4-H program, which UC operates for 144,000 California youth; through the University's management of more than 135,000 acres of protected natural habitat; and through a library collection of more than 34 million volumes, surpassed in size on the American continent only by the Library of Congress and supplemented by one of the largest digital libraries available anywhere in the world, the California Digital Library.

Financial matters

- Total 2008-09 operating budget from all sources: \$18 billion (excluding the national laboratories)
- Less than 20% of this total – just over \$3 billion – comes from the State of California. That state funding, plus student fees, pays for the University's core instructional program. In 1970, UC received about 7 percent of the state's overall general fund budget; today, the figure has fallen to roughly 3 percent.
- Over half of UC's research expenditures and nearly one-third of the net operating revenue of its teaching hospitals is from federal funds. In addition, federal funds represent nearly 20 percent of grant aid received by UC students.
- Revenues from teaching hospitals, self-supporting activities, student fees, private donations, and other funds complete UC's revenues. Private donors have contributed more than \$1 billion to the University each of the last seven years.
- Return on investment: UC contributes \$4 billion in tax revenues to California every year and will have a hand in creating 2.3 million California jobs this decade (2002-11), according to an independent economic analysis.

Student fees

For California residents in 2008-09:

- \$8,007 per year for undergraduates (average including campus-based fees)
- \$10,376 per year for academic graduate students (average including campus-based fees)
- Two-thirds of UC students receive financial aid, totaling nearly \$2 billion per year.