UC Riverside has a history of relevant research with an unbroken string of high-impact scientific innovations from saving crops to pioneering genomics. It is a living laboratory for the exploration of issues critical to growing communities — air, water, energy, transportation, politics, the arts, history and culture. UCR gives every student the resources to explore, engage, imagine and excel.

Located on nearly 1,200 acres near Box Springs Mountains in Southern California, the park-like campus provides convenient access to the vibrant and growing Inland region. This is an ideal setting in which to study, work and live in a community steeped in rich heritage, offering a dynamic mix of arts and entertainment, and an opportunity for quality living.

Enrollment: 16,826 students enrolled in Fall 2006 — 14,743 undergraduates and 2,083 graduate students.

Ethnicity: African American 6.5%, Native American 0.3%, Chicano and Latino 23.2%, Asian/Asian American 39.0%, White/Caucasian 20.8%, other ethnic 2.3%, unknown/decline-to-state 7.9%. Of bachelor’s degrees awarded, 58% are completed within four years, 35% within five years, and 7% within six years. Enrollment is projected to grow to about 22,000 students by the year 2015.

Academic Programs: UCR offers Bachelor degree programs in 78 majors, 50 Master’s degree programs, 38 Ph.D. Programs and 17 state teaching credentials. Academic units are: the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences; the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences; the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering; the A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management; and the Graduate School of Education. The Division of Biomedical Sciences partners with UCLA to offer a path to a medical degree. University Extension offers continuing education to the community as well as English instruction to thousands of international students each year.

Economic Impact: UCR has a combined economic impact in the state of California of nearly $1 billion, with more than 70 percent of this economic activity benefiting the Inland Empire. Not only is the campus a robust economic engine, but through the creation of new knowledge, it also benefits the local, regional, and statewide economies by providing highly skilled workers and discoveries that can be applied to new products and services.

Community Service: UC Riverside students are dedicated to community service and volunteer activities, as undergraduates and graduate students complete more than 100,000 hours of service each year. There are over 60 student volunteer service organizations, including every campus fraternity and sorority organization, each of which requires some form of community service as a condition of membership. In addition, the University Honors Program requires its participants to complete 10 hours of community service per quarter to successfully complete the program. UCR students also take internship courses, which are offered in nearly every undergraduate major on campus.
The ALPHA Center, in partnership with educational institutions, businesses, and non-profits, prepares students to excel in college and teachers to excel in the classroom with effective teaching methods, especially in the priority areas of mathematics and science. The Center has reached more than 119,400 students, 9,900 teachers and 845 administrators and impacted approximately 190 schools in Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial and eastern Los Angeles counties. The ALPHA Center programs have brought national recognition to UC Riverside. Specific programs and descriptions can be found at: http://www.alphacenter.ucr.edu

In October 2004, the US Department of Education awarded a five-year $11.5 million grant, the second largest awarded to UCR, to The Graduate School of Education for the development of a science teacher pathway in a project known as Copernicus. Project partners cover a broad spectrum of education leaders, K-12 teachers, institutions of higher education, parents and the business community. The project’s goals reflect what research says: that the single most important element in the academic achievement of students is the quality of their teachers.

www.education.ucr.edu

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www.athletics.ucr.edu

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www.engr.ucr.edu

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