

# Chancellor's Welcome

---

**Welcome to the University of California, Irvine.** As a UC Irvine student, you have access to resources that extend across our campus, throughout our state, and beyond. This *Catalogue* will serve as an invaluable guide to enhancing your UCI experience.

UCI is consistently ranked among the nation's best universities. Achievements in the sciences, arts, humanities, medicine, and management have garnered top 50 national rankings for more than 40 academic programs. Three UCI researchers have won Nobel Prizes—two in chemistry and one in physics. We were the youngest campus ever to be welcomed into the prestigious Association of American Universities. *The New York Times*, in its College Access Index, ranked UCI as number one in the nation for economic diversity in its student body, citing us as "doing the most for the American dream." And you will be especially glad to hear that *Money* magazine named UCI the top university for beach lovers.

These are some of the reasons why UCI attracted more than 116,000 undergraduate applications in 2017, the third largest number of applications in the entire nation, for only 8,300 spots. Our graduate programs are also extremely competitive. You are on this campus because we know you have what it takes to succeed at the highest level.

UCI reaches beyond the classroom and laboratory to help solve societal issues and support human development. We are a hub for stem cell research, a trailblazer in understanding global warming, and a leader in the fight against breast cancer. Our nationally ranked medical center in Orange serves as Orange County's only Level I trauma center, and our state-of-the-art UC Irvine Douglas Hospital has been ranked among the country's top 50 hospitals for more than 10 years, providing outstanding care for the region's citizens. We ranked fourth in the University Global Health Impact Report Card, which evaluates top U.S. and Canadian research universities on their contributions to urgent global health research and access to treatment worldwide. Our law school, the state's first public law school to open in more than 40 years, graduated its first class in 2012. In July 2012, the Regents established the UC Irvine School of Education from the existing Department of Education in recognition of its national academic profile. Our newest school, the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing, was established in January 2017.

A major intellectual and cultural center, UCI offers numerous public activities and events. The Claire Trevor School of the Arts and the School of Humanities produce engaging and entertaining cultural programs, including the award-winning New Swan Theater, our summertime outdoor Shakespeare Festival. UCI's Anteater athletes have won more than two dozen national championships.

We are also national leaders in research and practice relating to sustainability and environmental protection. UCI is the most energy-efficient campus in California, with among the most LEED Platinum and Gold certified buildings in the U.S. We are consistently among the top 10 "Coolest Schools" in *Sierra* magazine's annual ranking of the nation's greenest universities.

UCI is benefiting the community and the world in countless ways through its scholarly, scientific, creative, and economic contributions. Orange County's second largest employer, UCI generates an annual economic impact on the county of \$5 billion.

I encourage you to take advantage of all that UCI has to offer. I look forward to seeing you on campus and to being a part of this very important time in your life.

Sincerely,

Howard Gillman  
Chancellor