

DIVERSITY @ UCMERCED

At UC Merced we believe that our differences enhance our ability to achieve our mission of research, teaching and public service. We enroll the most ethnically and culturally diverse student body in the University of California system. We champion students from underrepresented communities because they will have an incredible impact on society, inspiring others to pursue higher education, enhancing their families' economic station, and becoming agents of change for their communities.

UC Merced is the only public university and only research university in the US with a Pell Grant-eligible student population over 60% and a graduation rate over 60%.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2021, UC Merced was recognized with the 2021 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.



Top Colleges for Diversity

71%

OF OUR UNDERGRADUATES ARE FIRST GENERATION

#4

SOCIAL MOBILITY

#8

FOR ECONOMIC DIVERSITY OF UNDERGRAD POPULATION

US News & World Report, 2022 Best Colleges edition

HISPANIC 58%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER 19%
AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK 4%
TWO OR MORE RACES 3%



9,093

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

8,321

UNDERGRADUATE

STUDENTS

772

GRADUATE STUDENTS



DIVERSITY IN RESEARCH

In partnership with two other Central Valley institutions, UC Merced has been awarded a California Education Learning Lab grant to create better STEM education for underrepresented minority students in the Central Valley.



OF SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES LADDER-RANK FACULTY ARE WOMEN (VS 35% U.S. AVERAGE)



The University of California Office of the President awarded three out of only seven UC-Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Initiative grants to UC Merced faculty members.





Public health Professor Nancy
Burke and Cultiva La Salud have
partnered to launch a new
Spanish-language website, 'Saber
Es Poder', aimed at providing the
community with a wide range of
information about the coronavirus.



Management of Complex Systems
Professor and UC Presidential
Chair Tracey Osborne was
named the lead for the Center for
Climate Justice, a system-wide
initiative to address climate
change as a social justice and
equity issue.

