



**FIVE YEARS IN, CCBM LOOKING TO EXPAND RESEARCH AND STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**



From graduate student Jose Zamora's perspective, the CREST Center for Cellular and Biomolecular Machines (CCBM) has been a spectacular success.

"There is so much value to being part of the CCBM," said Zamora, who began as an undergrad Scholar when the center opened and is now a graduate Fellow. He double majored in biology and physics and said that because of the CCBM, he has been able to explore both of his interests and learn about many other subjects. "I was hooked by the research. Joining the lab changed my life."

Now Zamora is a cardiovascular tissue engineer in Professor Kara McCloskey's lab and is considering a career in industry, but on the research end.

**"EXPLORE UC MERCED" PROVIDES VIRTUAL GATEWAY**

The latest edition of "Explore UC Merced" provides a dynamic gateway to prospective students and partners — sharing an in-depth view on the schools, research centers and what to do in and around campus.



**ON THE ROAD TO RETURN, CAMPUS LAUNCHES FIRST DRIVE-THRU TOUR**

This spring, the campus launched its first drive-thru tour to accommodate health and safety precautions. Each tour stop features a video led by a student tour guide, providing an in-depth view of the facilities. Visitors can explore the tour at [drivethru.ucmerced.edu](http://drivethru.ucmerced.edu) from the comfort of their cars while driving the path on campus or can take the tour virtually from their couches at home.



**MAY 2021**





UC Merced, which just celebrated the 15th anniversary of its opening in 2005, is already recognized as one of the top universities for both its academic quality and its ability to transform the lives of its graduates. The university is highly ranked by several prestigious publications such as US News & World Report, Washington Monthly, The Princeton Review, Money and others. It is increasingly being recognized for its outstanding academic programs and for its commitment to environmental sustainability.

## RECENT RANKINGS

- Top 100 | No. 40** among public universities (US News & World Report)
- Top 100 | No. 56** among national universities (Washington Monthly's 2020 College Guide & Rankings)
- Top 100 | No. 65** globally among universities younger than 50 years (Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2020)
- Top 100 | No. 76** among national universities (Money's 2020 Best Colleges)
- Top 100 | No. 86** among colleges and universities for Hispanics (Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine)
- University of the Year** (Education Dive's Dive Awards, 2018)
- "Best 386 Colleges,"** two consecutive years (Princeton Review)
- No. 1** among public universities in outperforming expected graduation rates (US News & World Report)
- No. 3** in U.S. among universities younger than 50 years (Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2020)
- No. 5** among all universities in social mobility (US News & World Report)
- No. 8** among all universities in economic diversity (US News & World Report)
- No. 12** most transformative colleges (Money's 2020 Best Colleges)
- No. 13** among public universities for highest alumni giving rate (US News & World Report)
- No. 19** for social mobility (Washington Monthly's 2020 College Guide & Rankings)
- No. 51** for least amount of debt incurred by graduates (US News & World Report)
- No. 145** for undergraduate engineering (among Ph.D.-granting schools) (US News & World Report)
- No. 171** for Best Value (US News & World Report)

## SOCIAL MOBILITY

- No. 1** in the nation for student outcomes (US News Best Colleges 2020)
- No. 1** among public universities in outperforming expected graduation rates (US News Best Colleges 2021)
- No. 5** in the nation for social mobility (US News Best Colleges 2021)
- No. 8** in the nation for economic diversity (US News Best Colleges 2021)
- No. 51** for least amount of debt incurred by graduates (US News Best Colleges 2021)
- No. 19** for social mobility (Washington Monthly's 2020 College Guide and Rankings)
- No. 12** most transformative colleges (Money's 2020 Best Colleges)
- No. 8** in the nation for performance of students who receive Pell grants (Washington Monthly's 2019 College Guide & Rankings)
- No. 8** in the nation for performance of first-generation students (Washington Monthly's 2019 College Guide & Rankings)

## SUSTAINABILITY

- Only university** in the nation to have all buildings LEED certified
- Highest marks** on "Green Rating" (Princeton Review's Best Colleges Guide, 2021)
- No. 1** in the nation for sustainable buildings (AASHE, 2020)
- Tied for No. 1** in the nation for sustainable research (AASHE, 2020)
- Tied for No. 5** in nation for sustainability investment and finance (AASHE, 2020)
- No. 10** in the nation in sustainable waste operations (AASHE, 2020)
- No. 6** overall among doctoral institutions (AASHE, 2020)
- No. 5** in the nation for sustainability (Sierra Club's Cool Schools, 2020)

*\*Official Numbers as of Fall 2020*

## TOP ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **School of Engineering**  
**No. 129** in the nation among graduate schools (US News Best Graduate Schools 2021)  
**No. 145** among Ph.D.-granting schools for undergraduate engineering (US News Best Colleges 2021)
- **Bioengineering**  
**No. 117** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2021)
- **Computer Engineering**  
**No. 106** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2021)
- **Electrical Engineering**  
**No. 129** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2021)
- **Environmental Engineering**  
**No. 84** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2021)
- **Materials Engineering**  
**No. 98** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2021)
- **Mechanical Engineering**  
**No. 117** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2021)
- **Biology**  
**No. 175** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2019)
- **Chemistry**  
**No. 122** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2019)
- **Mathematics**  
**No. 144** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2019)
- **Physics**  
**No. 146** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2019)
- **Psychology**  
**No. 90** in the nation (US News Best Graduate Schools 2018)

