

**FELLOWSHIP ADVANCES STUDENT'S RESEARCH INTO ARAB AMERICAN SMOKING BEHAVIORS**



Public Health doctoral student Sarah Alnahari was awarded a UC Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) Predoctoral Fellowship to continue her community-driven research examining tobacco use among Arab Americans in the San Joaquin Valley.

**PANDEMIC INSPIRES CHEMIST TO OPEN NEW AVENUES OF RESEARCH**

Professor Michael Thompson doesn't usually work in immunology or drug development. But his use of X-ray crystallography — research that visualizes the structures of protein molecules to better understand how they function — has taken him in a new direction.



**CAMPUS REACHES CARBON NEUTRALITY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**

After a lengthy and rigorous review by independent auditors, UC Merced can proudly announce it is the first public research university in the country to achieve carbon neutrality, two years ahead of its goal.

"UC Merced has been on the cutting edge of sustainability in higher education since its inception. We are proud of our many achievements in reducing our impact on the environment, and this recognition of our carbon neutrality stands among the most meaningful we have yet received," Chancellor Juan Sánchez Muñoz said.







## 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 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)

