



TWO MACARTHUR FOUNDATION CHAIRS AWARDED TO FEMALE SSHA FACULTY

Two female faculty members of UC Merced's School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) have been named the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation chairs, making four prestigious chairs in the campus' 15-year history.



UC MERCED, MERCED COLLEGE UNVEIL NEW TRANSFER PIPELINE FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

UC Merced and Merced College are teaming up to make it easier than ever for local students to matriculate through community college and earn bachelor's degrees from the most respected public university system in the world, all without ever having to leave their hometown.



RESEARCHERS SEEK TO UNDERSTAND MESSY PROTEINS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO CELLULAR FUNCTION

Biophysical chemistry Professor Shahar Sukenik and the graduate students in his lab are trying to make sense out of what might seem to some to be chaos. They aim to better understand how a series of floppy, malleable proteins function — or malfunction — inside cells.

The work has earned Sukenik a \$1.86 million, five-year Outstanding Investigator award from the National Institutes for Health (NIH).





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)
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- 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)

