



# UC MERCED AT A GLANCE

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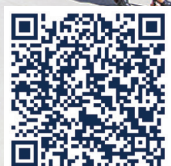
**Professor Katrina Hoyer** is one of several UC Merced researchers looking for a way to identify Valley fever patients who will develop the disease's worst symptoms

Sponsored by NASA, the **Merced nAnomaterials Center for Energy and Sensing (MACES)** is playing a pivotal role for nanomaterials-based research and education at UC Merced



**Professor Asmeret Asefaw Berhe** became the only current UC Merced researcher to give a TED Talk when she discussed "What's Soil Got to do with Climate Change" at this year's annual TED conference

The School of Natural Sciences launched four new **living learning communities** that coincided with the opening of residential housing as part of the Merced 2020 Project's first phase, and they were met with immediate success



# CAMPUS ON THE RISE

**#44** TOP PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

RANKED #104 OVERALL

- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

JUMPING **32** SPOTS OVERALL

23 SPOTS AMONG PUBLICS

**10%+**

LADDER-RANK FACULTY HAVE EARNED NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION CAREER AWARDS

OPENED **2005**



**YOUNGEST EVER R2 DESIGNATION**

- Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education

## SUSTAINABILITY — TO OUR CORE

Our faculty research on environmental impacts, including soil erosion, water use, Valley Fever, biodiversity, renewable energy, human evolution and even political violence is world renowned.

### RESEARCH UNITS INCLUDE:

UC ADVANCED SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE

SIERRA NEVADA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

NATIONAL PARKS INSTITUTE

We operate the **WAWONA FIELD STATION** in Yosemite National Park, and campus is surrounded by the **UC MERCED VERNAL POOLS** and **GRASSLAND RESERVE** — our own living laboratory.

On our 830+ acres, UC Merced has demonstrated commitment to the environment from the ground up — from sustainably designed and operated LEED-certified buildings to a sustainable campus vehicle fleet and purchasing practices.

ONLY UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION WHERE EVERY BUILDING IS LEED CERTIFIED



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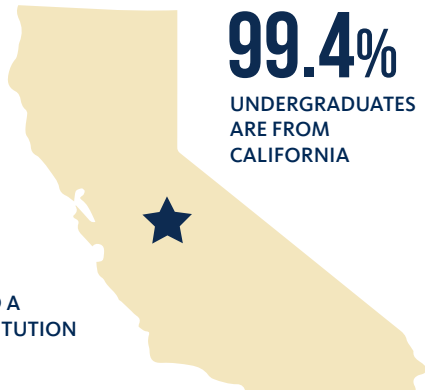
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## SOCIAL MOBILITY — OUR MISSION AND PASSION

We are leading the way in California and the nation for helping young people build better lives for themselves and their families through higher education.

**55.5%**

HISPANIC + DESIGNATED A HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION



## STUDENT SUCCESS — FROM ENROLLMENT TO CAREER

**SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM** brings first-generation students onto campus during the summer before first-year classes to provide acculturation and study skills to prepare them for college life.

**COMPETITIVE EDGE SUMMER BRIDGE** ensures graduate students are better equipped to complete their degrees and go on to successful careers, by helping them navigate life in a new city and at a new level of academic intensity.

The **CALVIN E. BRIGHT SUCCESS CENTER** provides opportunities and co-curricular experiences that aid students in enhancing their knowledge of university resources, academic and personal growth and development, and advocacy and access, through learning support, transition programs and individual interventions.

Our **LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES** help students to find their micro-communities, sharing study and social lives with like-minded peers organized around fields of study, such as natural sciences, or areas of passionate concern, such as social justice.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

**#1**

UC SYSTEM

**#11**

% OF UNDERGRADUATES INVOLVED IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE PROJECTS

- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

**77%**

OF UNDERGRADUATES WORK ON RESEARCH

### LEADERS IN STEM

**46%**

FEMALE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE IN A STEM-RELATED MAJOR

**52%**

HISPANIC & AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS IN STEM MAJORS

### ALUMNI PAVE THE WAY

**27**

AVERAGE AGE OF ALUMNI

**#27**

ALUMNI GIVING RATE

- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

**#1**

IN THE UC SYSTEM FOR % OF UNDERGRADUATES GOING ON TO EARN MASTER'S DEGREES

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

**#1** STUDENT OUTCOMES

**#1** OUTPERFORMING PREDICTED GRADUATION RATES

**#7** SOCIAL MOBILITY

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