

# SPOTLIGHT ON UC RIVERSIDE



- About 70 percent of UCR undergrads pay no tuition. [Grants](#) and [scholarships](#) fully cover their tuition and fees.
- [Time magazine ranked UCR No. 1](#) in the nation for affordability, graduation rates and financial aid.
- UCR serves all students. [The LA Times](#) recently described UCR as “one of the few public universities with no racial disparity in graduation rates.”
- [The Entomology Department at UCR is ranked No. 2 in the world.](#) Its insect collection features nearly four million specimens.
- UCR alumnus and journalist Dexter Thomas [recently won a Pulitzer Prize.](#)
- Students interested in theater can take classes from Rickerby Hinds [whose play “Dreamscape”](#) was nominated for six NAACP Theatre Awards (the most for a local performance).
- [UC Riverside is known as one of the best universities for veterans](#) and consistently ranks as a GI Jobs military-friendly school.
- [African American UCR students graduate](#) at one of the highest rates in the nation among top-performing institutions for Black students.
- [UCR third-year student Phong Au-Hong](#) was awarded the competitive Strauss Scholarship for The Refugee Empowerment Project, his proposed program that would mobilize resources for Syrian and Afghan refugee women.
- Graduating UCR students meet with big-name employers ready to hire through the [Career Center’s On-Campus Interview Program.](#)
- [UCR’s Academic Resource Center](#) will feature a new “Transfer Zone” dedicated exclusively to supporting transfer students’ academic success.