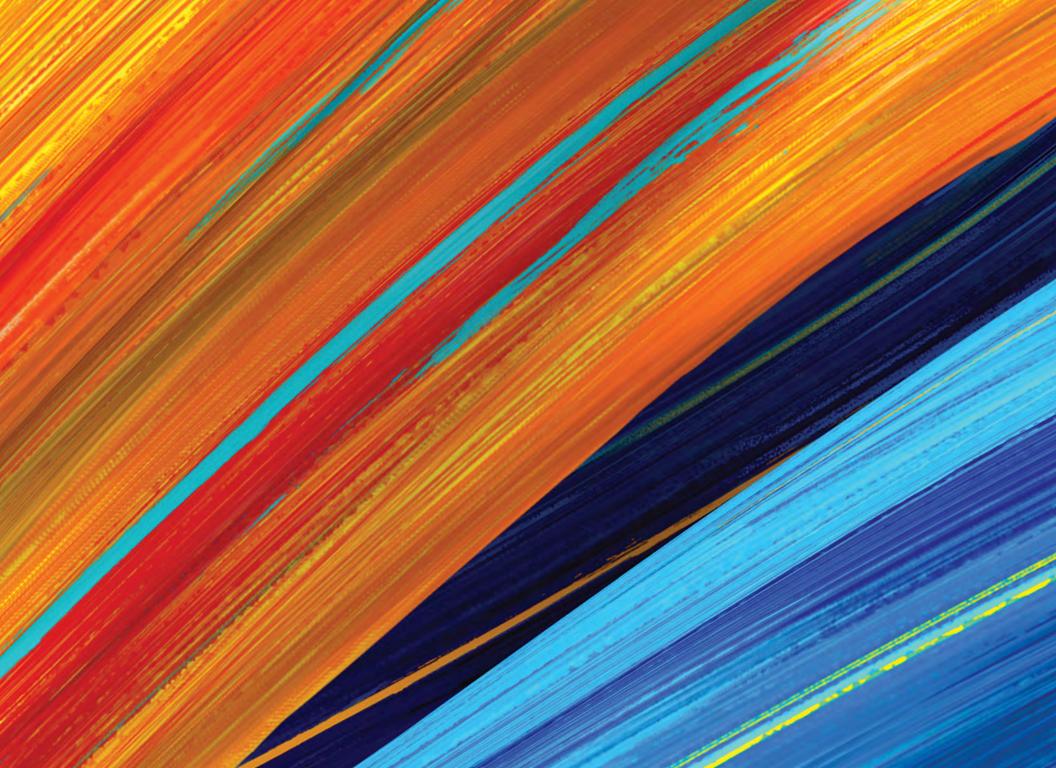
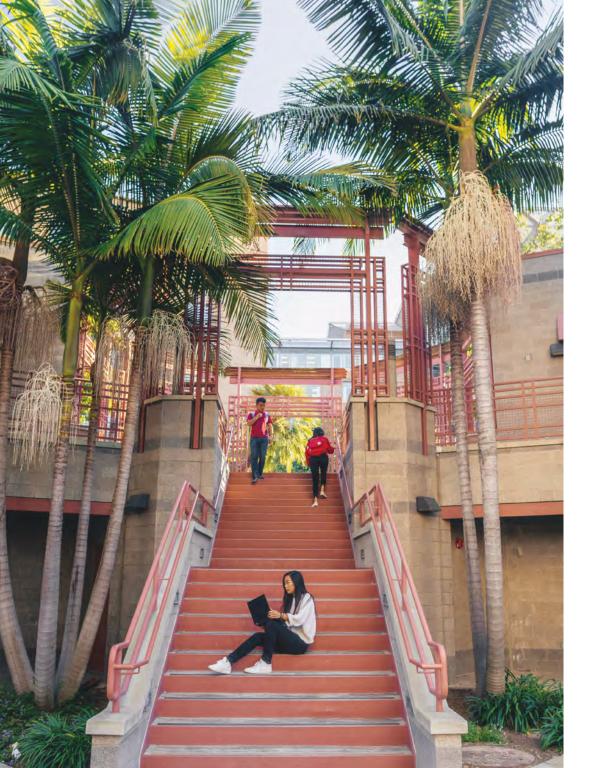


# THE CASE FOR SUPPORT





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# Student Success Building

As a nation, our greatest resource is today's students and young people. At UCI we are preparing our students to succeed — not just academically, but by fostering health, wellness, and life skills to overcome the inevitable challenges they will encounter. We enable classroom success by helping students cope with anxiety, depression, financial insecurity, learning disabilities or feelings of isolation.

America's mental health epidemic has serious consequences, costing the U.S. more than \$193 billion in lost earnings every year, with depression the leading cause of disability worldwide. UCI strives to proactively address underlying issues as early as possible by providing resources, tools and education to our students.

UCI's Student Success Building will unite a fragmented wellness program in a consolidated, centralized space, catalyzing interactions across divisions and enabling UCI to better meet the dynamic needs of students. The first of its kind in the UC system, the facility will enable UCI to teach students how to navigate new challenges and stresses that they face as independent adults. Technologically advanced and energy efficient, the Student Success Building, with approximately 60,000 square feet of assignable space, will house:

- Wellness, Health & Counseling Services
- Disability Services Center
- Veteran Services Center
- Division of Career Pathways
- Academic Testing Services
- Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation

These expanded headquarters will roughly double the amount of space available for these units and allow UCI to accommodate rising demands for these services. For example, from 2007-2018, UC campuses saw a 78 percent increase in the need for mental health services. During this time, students also showed increased interest in nutrition, time management, financial wellness, and drug and alcohol awareness workshops. Requests for peer mentor training and bystander intervention training are also on the rise at UCI. In 2014, 960 students registered with the Disability Service Center for services. In 2019 — in the first half of the academic year alone — 1,910 students registered. These services cover an array of issues with an important common theme: preparing students for success at UCI and beyond.

Within this vibrant hub of student-centered activities, wellness and career services will ensure that the student's whole body and mind are strong and capable of making the most of their college experience, while the Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation will advance proven teaching methods designed for the 21st century student.

UCI is deeply dedicated to this initiative. The campus has already committed 60 percent of the necessary funding, and the state of California will contribute another 19 percent.

"I'm very pleased that we were able to construct this building, dedicated to the success of our amazing students, without imposing any additional financial burden on our students," said Chancellor Howard Gillman. "Our students are at the heart of everything we do, and their success is a central pillar of our mission."

# foster student success

Please join us by investing in a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to the integrated care and support of our students in order to prepare them to be self-confident, global citizens ready to fully realize their American Dream. Opportunities include:

## **Student Success Building (\$12 million)**

The Student Success Building, with approximately 60,000 square feet of assignable space and located in a prominent spot on UCI's Ring Road, will be the first of its kind in the UC system, and will house Wellness, Health & Counseling Services; the Disability Services Center; Academic Testing Services; the Veteran Services Center; the Division of Career Pathways; and the Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. In complementary ways, these high-impact programs all foster student success. Bringing them under one roof will unite the fragmented wellness program in a consolidated, centralized space and catalyze interactions across divisions and enable UCI to better meet the dynamic needs of students.

#### Wellness, Health & Counseling Services (Student Affairs)

The services in this cluster facilitate academic excellence by promoting strong minds, healthy bodies, enlivened spirits and clear aspirations:

- The Center for Student Wellness & Health Promotion promotes principles of wellness, prevention and healthy lifestyle choices, including drug and alcohol awareness.
- The Counseling Center serves as the primary counseling and mental health agency for undergraduate and graduate students, offering short-term, time-limited counseling for individuals, couples and groups and assisting with urgent care and some psychiatric evaluation.
- Campus Assault Resources and Education provides free and confidential support services to members of the UCI community impacted by sexual assault, relationship abuse, family violence or stalking.



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Student success is defined in a variety of ways. The **Division of Career Pathways** is dedicated to empowering students to discover and seek successful careers before and after graduation.

# **Finclusiveness for Students**

#### **Disability Services Center (Student Affairs)**

UCI fosters inclusiveness for students with disabilities by providing services and resources that enable them to fully experience UCI with the same opportunities and advantages as any other student. The Disability Services Center provides federally mandated, disability-related accommodations, tools, resources and services to eligible UCI students, Extension and Summer Session students, program participants and visitors to campus.

## **Veteran Services Center (Student Affairs)**

UCI has earned recognition as a top veteran-friendy school, thanks to the efforts driven by the Veterans Services Center, which serves veterans, reservists and their dependents. The Veteran Services Center is the go-to place for assistance in obtaining the educational benefits to which they are entitled, and finding a network of others who have served. Veterans can join peer mentoring groups to smooth their transition to civilian and student life, apply for scholarships and grants to ease their financial burden, and get referrals to counseling or other campus resources, as needed.

# The Division of Career Pathways (Division of Continuing Education)

DCP operates as both a career development and preparation resource for UCI students and a recruitment center for local, regional and national organizations. DCP is the driving force behind UCI's efforts to accommodate the changing needs of employers and prepare UCI students with impactful and diverse mentoring, internship and career opportunities.

# academic success of **students**

This new home will be truly welcoming to both employers and students. It will make Career Pathways more usable for students and provide ready access to a major talent pool for employers.

# Academic Testing Services (Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning)

An expansion of the existing testing services space ensures that new and continuing students receive proper placement in select introductory courses and increased help to assess their readiness for university-level work. Academic Testing Services also administers the university's Language Testing Programs and provides testing accommodations for students with verified disabilities.

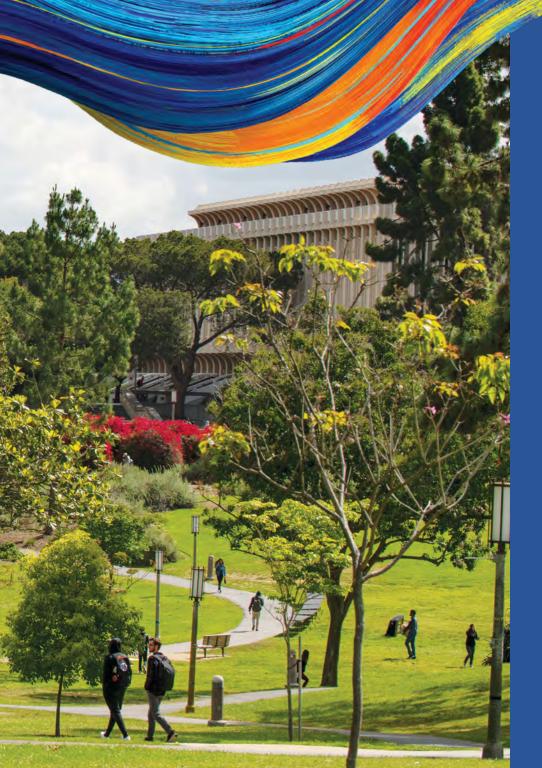
## The Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation (Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning)

Our dynamic world requires institutions of higher learning to be flexible and adaptive with their teaching methods and approaches — the way we teach students today should not look identical to the way they were taught a century ago. Your investment will boost our efforts to advance proven teaching methods that enhance the academic success of students both in the classroom and online. The planned UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation will establish headquarters in the Student Success Building to lead the way in teaching our 21st century students.





The Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation will be a space in the building to integrate learning experiences while increasing knowledge retention and building communication, teamwork and critical thinking skills.



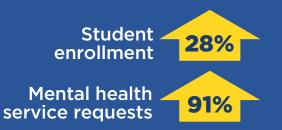


1 in 5 UCI students experience food insecurity

UCI's Disability Services\*

from 4 years ago \*for students requiring test accommodations

anxiety causing issue for students what will I do for a career





"I think that as a person with a disability, **I can share my experiences with others** to help them get the most out of life." – Gordon Wong

# Access and Opportunity

With the help of a scholarship and disability services, blind sophomore Gordon Wong is working toward a bright future. "It's encouraging and heartwarming to know that there are individuals who believe so strongly in the blind and visually impaired community," Wong says of the scholarship. Also assisting him is UCI's Disability Services Center, which offers note takers, audio formats of textbooks and Ring Road Rides – a golf cart delivery service – for students with limited sight. Upon graduating, Wong plans to pursue a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling. "I think that as a person with a disability, I can share my experiences with others to help them get the most out of life," he says.





# welcoming environment

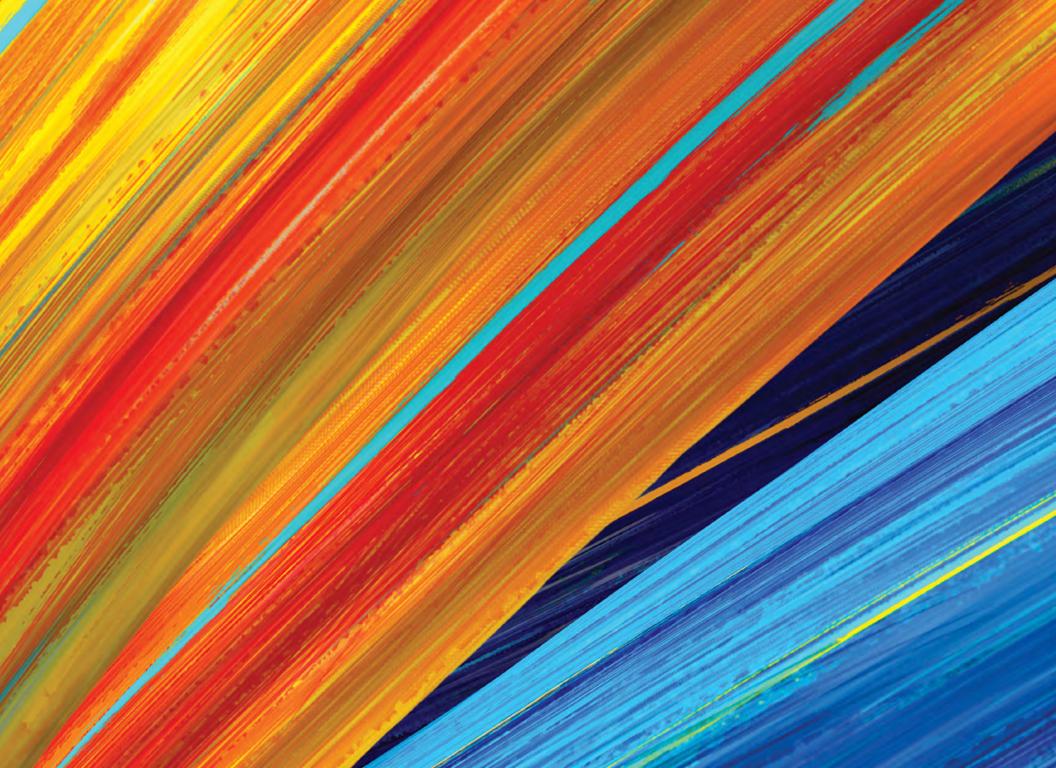
## **Veterans Services Center**

Navigating the cultural transition from military to civilian life can be emotionally and financially challenging, as well as fraught with such practical concerns as housing, employment and education. UCI prides itself on serving those who have served, creating a welcoming environment that supports both their social reintegration and their higher education.

In fact, the university is ranked No. 13 nationwide on U.S. News & World Report's current list of best colleges for veterans and was named a "top veteran-friendly school" in the summer 2018 issue of U.S. Veterans Magazine. The UCI Veteran Services Center helps more than 800 militaryaffiliated students obtain the academic benefits to which they're entitled and supplies information on campus resources, internships and monetary awards. Veteran and UCI fourth-year student Eric Perez, 36, grew up in Santa Ana watching his peers succumb to gang life and end up in prison. Intent on a different future, he joined the Marine Corps at 21. After leaving the service, Perez enrolled at Norco College in 2013. He later transferred to UCI, majoring in both sociology and Chicano/Latino studies. "Veterans bring a unique and valuable perspective to the campus community. The leadership skills and strengths they've gained in the military are real assets," says Adelí Durón, director of the Veteran Services Center. "Student veterans often have different life circumstances — being married, having children, supporting a mortgage — and don't always have the time to attend traditional campus events, so our center emphasizes what we can do for them in other ways, like scholarships, guaranteed housing and priority registration."

Eric Perez, Veteran and UCI fourth-year student

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