BUILDING THE FUTURE IN THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MERCED

ABOUT UC MERCED

THE IDEAL LOCATION FOR EXPLORATION

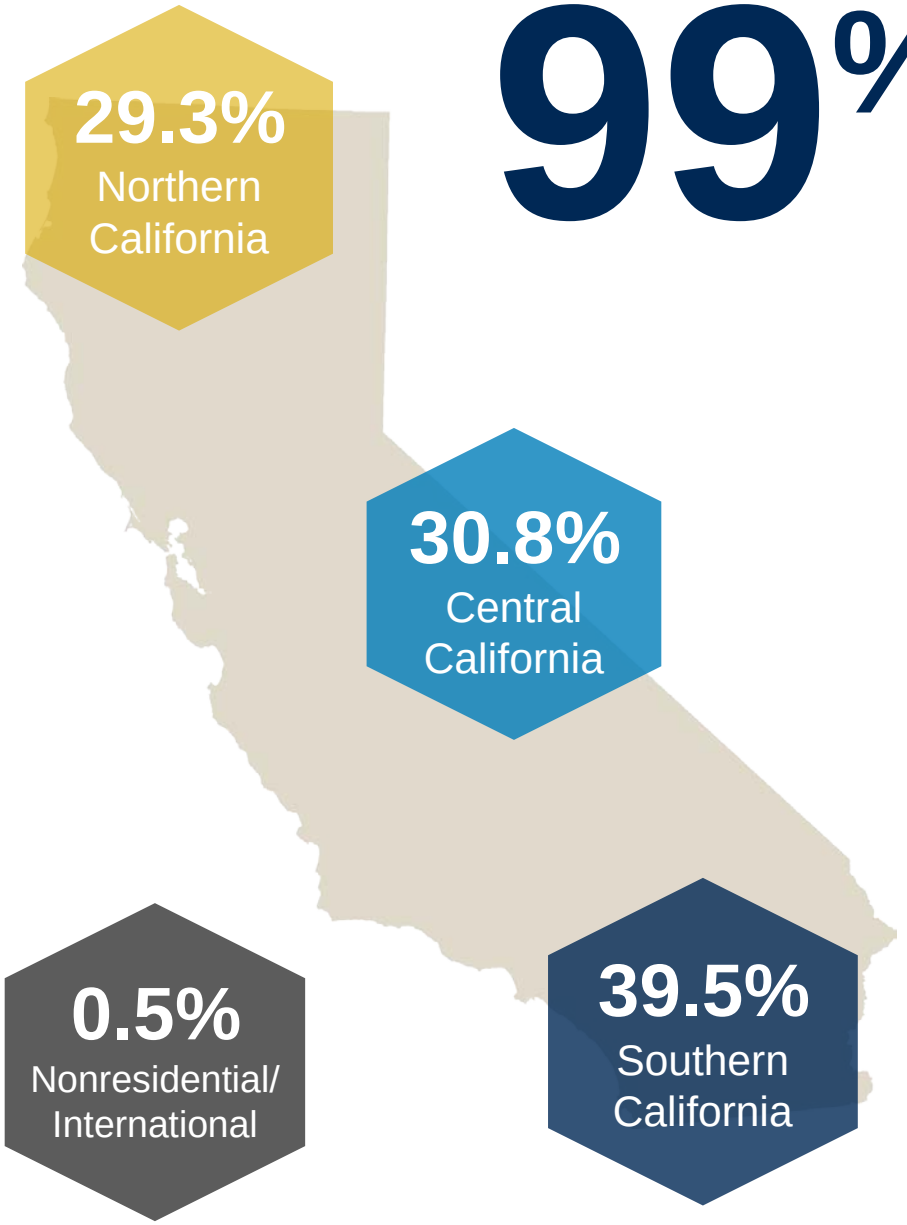
Plan a Road Trip …

- Yosemite National Park
- San Francisco
- Santa Cruz
- Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row
- Dodge Ridge and China Peak ski resorts
- State Capitol tours and Old Sacramento
- Gold Country

- Accepting and Friendly Campus
- Cutting-Edge Technology
- Over 200 Clubs and Organizations
- Daily Campus Events
- Close to Yosemite
- Undergraduate Research

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE UC MERCED

OUR DIVERSE CAMPUS

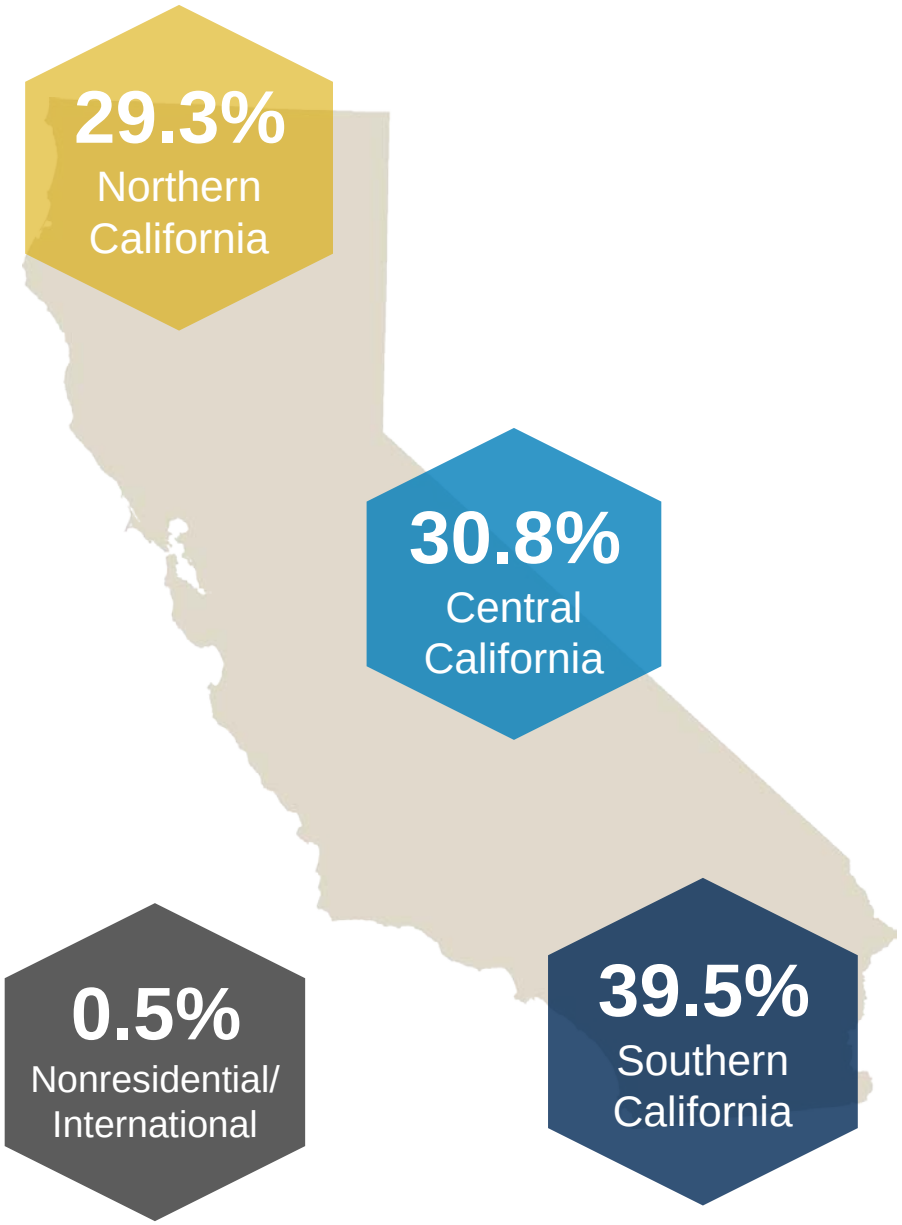


99% of UC Merced students are from California

7,881	663	8,544
Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students	Total Enrollment

FIRST-GENERATION STATUS

73%	74%	62%
All Undergraduates	First Year	New Transfer



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LIFE ON CAMPUS

MORE THAN 200 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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UC MERCED
Office of Student Life

FSC
UC MERCED
FRATERNITY
& SORORITY
COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
CAB
CAMPUS
ACTIVITIES
BOARD
UC MERCED

NAIA

ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

Men's and Women's

Basketball
Cross Country
Soccer
Volleyball

CLUB SPORTS

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

ENJOY SMALL CLASSES

IN THE CLASSROOM

21:1 Student-Faculty Ratio

60% Of undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students

57% Of students say they've had a class in which a professor knew their name

TEACHERS AND MENTORS

407 Faculty members

44% Female faculty

33% Faculty from minority groups

86% Faculty with Ph.D. or equivalent

YOSEMITE IN OUR BACK YARD

- Yosemite Leadership Program
- Sierra Nevada Research Institute Field Station

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- UC Education Abroad
- UCDC
- World Heritage Research Experience Scholars
- Mobile App Challenge

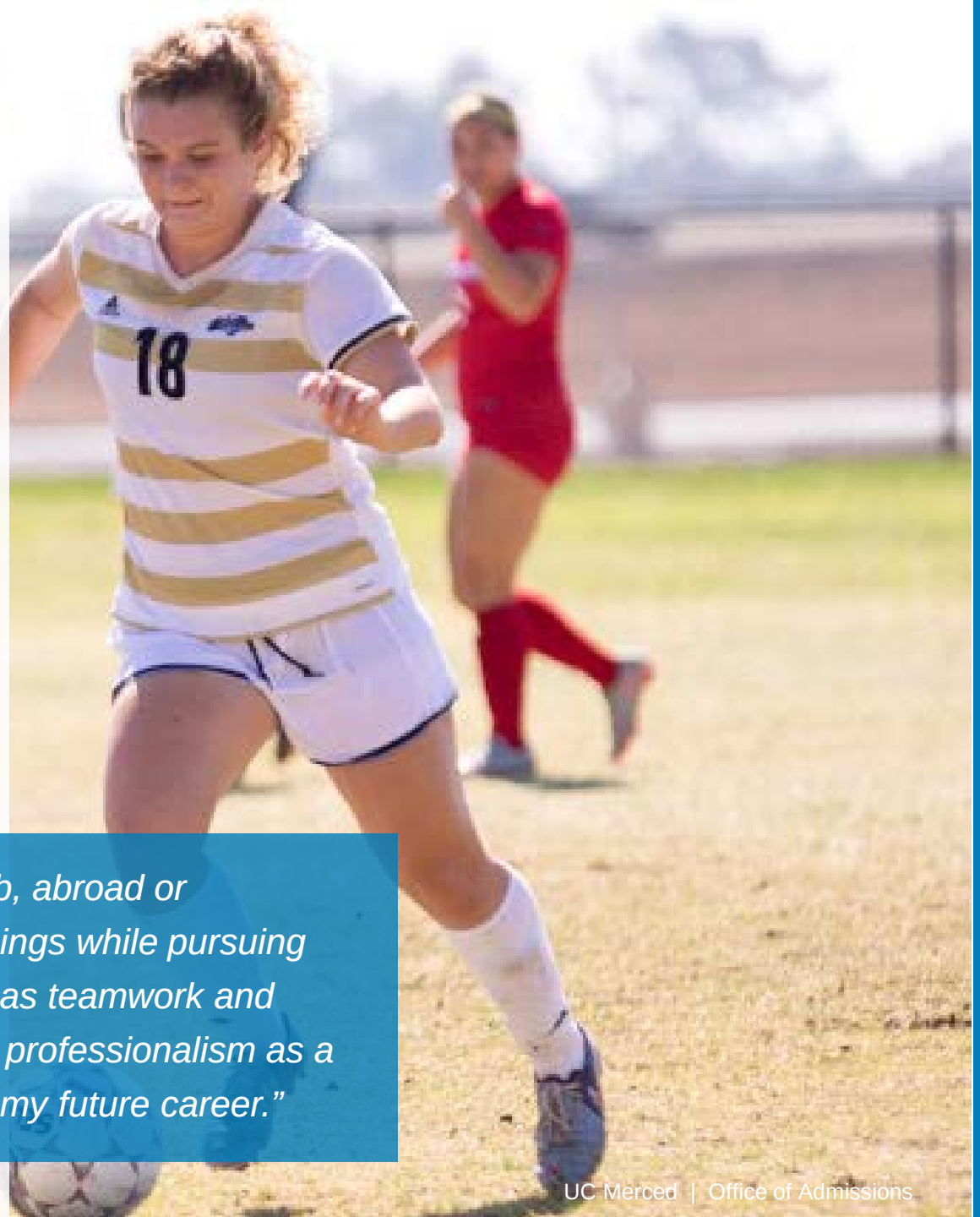
TORI MOLLARD

Hometown: Santa Rosa, Calif.

Major: Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Human Biology

- Academic chair, Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity
- Treasurer, Global Medical Training
- UC Merced Women's Soccer Team
- Outreach director, Who We Play For
- Campus tour guide
- Inpatient volunteer, Mercy Medical Center Merced

"Wherever I am – whether it's the classroom, field, lab, abroad or anywhere else – UC Merced pushes me to try new things while pursuing what I love. The skills I learn from each activity, such as teamwork and communication from my sport or public speaking and professionalism as a tour guide, I will be able to take with me and apply to my future career."



KARA E. McCLOSKEY

FOUNDING AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Ph.D., Ohio State University
and Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Postdoctoral Fellow: Georgia Institute of Technology

JEFFREY YOSHIMI

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

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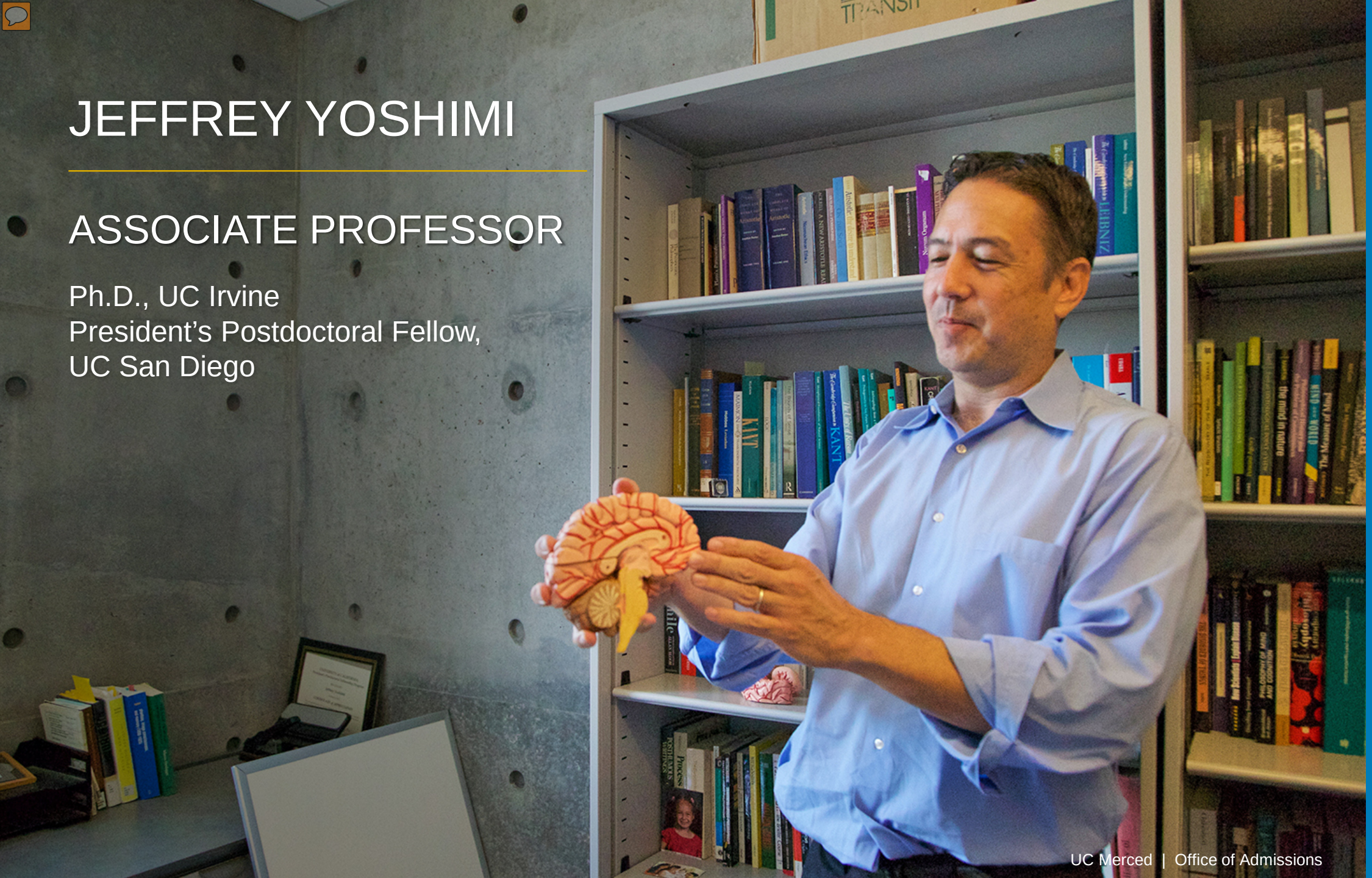
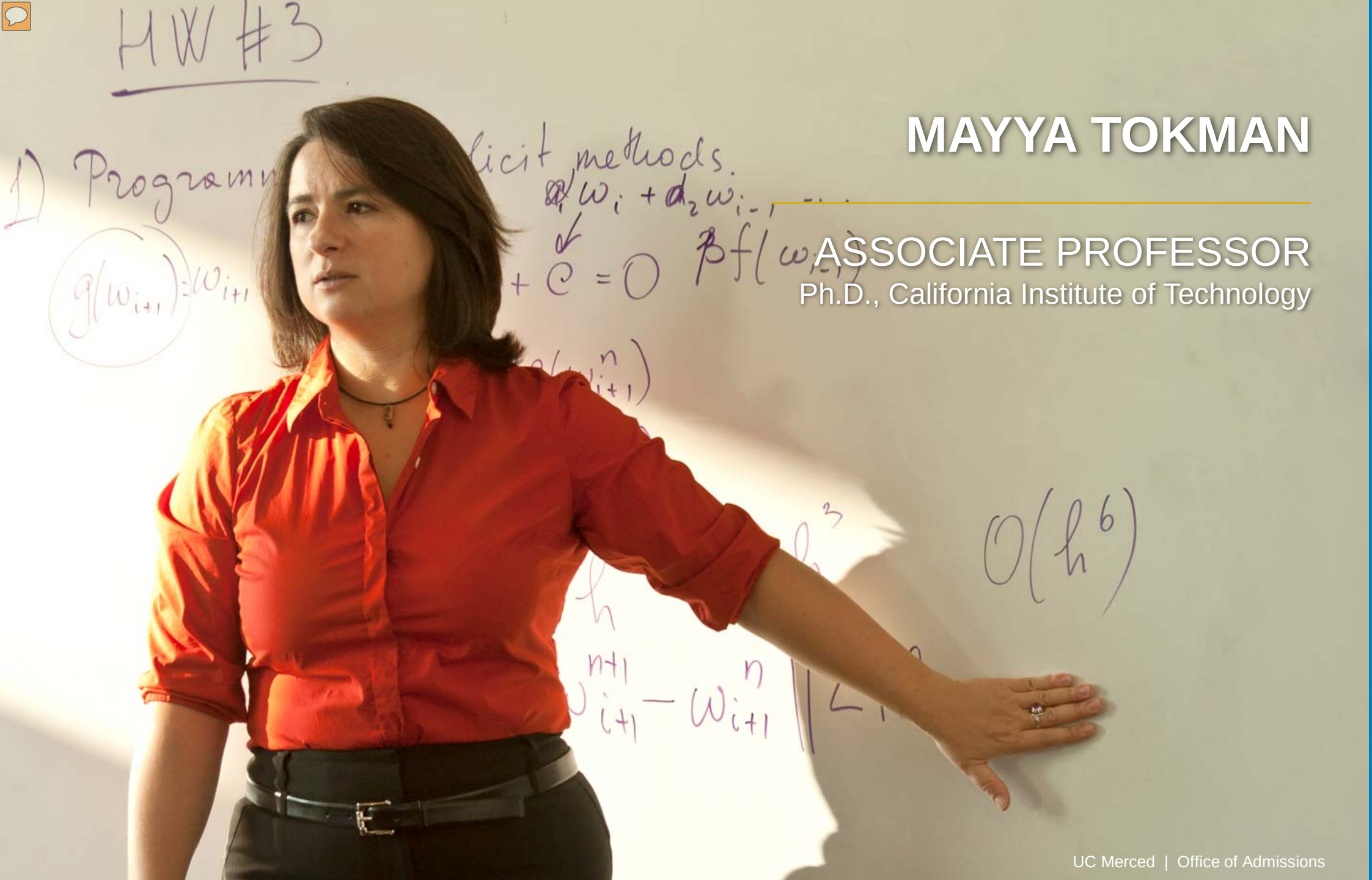




MAYYA TOKMAN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Ph.D., California Institute of Technology

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

RESEARCH AT OUR CORE

18 research facilities, institutes and centers

UC Merced has been ranked among **107 top universities in the country** as a “higher research” institution by the Carnegie Foundation

UROC Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center UC MERCED

JESSICA RIVAS, ’15

Hometown: North Hollywood, Calif.

Degree: B.A., Cognitive Science

Current line of work: Park ranger, Yosemite National Park

While at UC Merced: Involved in Yosemite Leadership Program, student ranger at Wilderness Education Center

“I love UC Merced because of the ample opportunities the university provides for its students. The proximity to Yosemite provides several unique programs that change people’s lives. The staff and administrators are able to connect with students on a personal level and really make Merced feel like home.”

ROBERT YOUNG IV, ’13

Hometown: Los Angeles

Degree: B.A., Sociology with a minor in Cognitive Science

Current line of work: Attorney, Bassi Edlin Huie & Blum

While at UC Merced: Member of the Black Student Union and Men of Ambition; selected for the UCLA Law Fellows-Central District, which primarily is geared toward demystifying the practice of law

“Attending UC Merced was one of the best decisions of my academic career. The professors encouraged me to think critically and challenged me to develop innovative theories about the society we live in today. UC Merced afforded me the opportunity to tailor my education in a way that worked best for my interests, while still giving me a solid foundation to apply my knowledge in various ways.”

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND CAREER

Student Support Services

TRANSFER RETURNING & VETERAN
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

STEP
STRENGTHENING TALENTS & EXPLORING PATHWAYS

FIAT LUX SCHOLARS PROGRAM
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Guardian Scholars

Resilience | Community | Support
Services for Undocumented Students | University of California Merced

PALS
UCMERCED PEER ASSISTED LEARNING SUPPORT

SMP SUCCESS MENTOR PROGRAM
University of California, Merced

Campus Resources

CAPS
Counseling and Psychological Services
University of California, Merced

care CAMPUS ADVOCACY RESOURCES & EDUCATION UC MERCED

Student Health Services

Student Accessibility Services

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK

CBS Interactive

Chevron

E. & J. Gallo Winery

Genentech
IN BUSINESS FOR LIFE

Google

KAISER PERMANENTE®

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

LinkedIn

NASA

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TEACH FOR AMERICA

TESLA

TOPCON

Vanguard

yelp

Center for Career and Professional Advancement

- Individualized coaching
- Job search assistance
- Interview prep
- Resume help
- Networking opportunities
- Digital brand development
- Trips to business in Silicon Valley, LA and San Francisco

AVERAGE TIME TO DEGREE

(2017-18 graduates)

4.5 Years
First-Time Freshmen

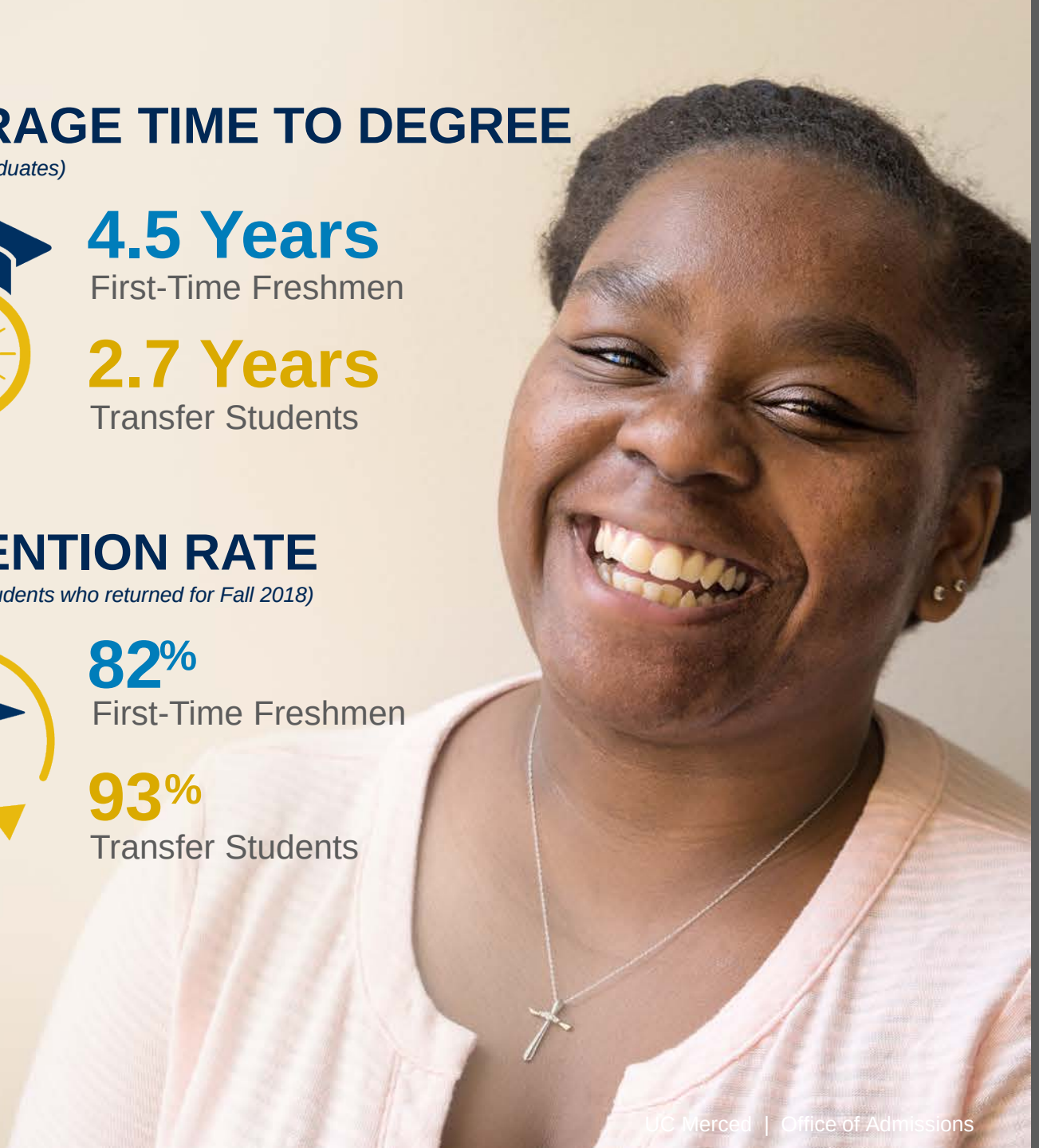
2.7 Years
Transfer Students

RETENTION RATE

(Fall 2017 students who returned for Fall 2018)

82%
First-Time Freshmen

93%
Transfer Students



CAREER PREPARATION

USDA UCMerced AgTech

THE FOSTER FAMILY CENTER FOR Engineering Service Learning AT UC MERCED

INNOVATE to Grow

CITRIS UCMERCED

UCMERCED Center for Career & Professional Advancement

UCMERCED VENTURE LAB

UCMERCED MICROFINANCE Kiva Zip Trustee

UCMERCED MARGO F. SOUZA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CENTER

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

MERCED 2020 PROJECT

Campus size will nearly double,
with 10,000 students by Fall 2020

REMARKABLE GROWTH

Now Open:

- 2 new residence halls with 700 beds
- 600-seat multipurpose dining facility
- NCAA-level competition soccer field

Made the Princeton Review's list of the

MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE COLLEGES

for the third consecutive year in 2017

COOL SCHOOLS

UC Merced was on the top 50 Sierra Club's "Cool Schools" in 2017

for its commitment to sustainability

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

FIRST YEAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum of 15 yearlong high school courses (“a-g”)

a.	History/social science	2 years required
b.	English	4 years required
c.	Mathematics	3 years required/ 4 years recommended
d.	Laboratory science	2 years required/ 3 years recommended
e.	Language other than English	2 years required/ 3 years recommended
f.	Visual and performing arts	1 year required
g.	College-preparatory elective	1 year required

2. UC-calculated GPA of 3.0 or above (nonresident: 3.4)
3. ACT with Writing or SAT with Essay

Start your application now at

admissions.ucmerced.edu/apply

SELECTION FACTORS

- GPA
- Test scores
- Courses completed/planned
- Honors courses
- Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC)
- Rigor of senior year
- Progress and advancement in academic subject areas

- Achievements in special projects
- Positive grade trends
- Special talents, achievements and awards
- Participation in educational preparation programs
- Aptitude to excel in academics framed by life experiences

TELL US IN YOUR OWN WORDS

- You will have 8 questions to choose from.
- You only need to respond to 4 of the 8 questions.
- Each response is limited to 350 words.
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you, but you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.

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1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

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PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

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APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

Aug. 1
Fall admission application available

Nov. 1-30
Submit application for the fall semester

July 1-31
Submit application for the spring semester

- One application to apply to all nine undergraduate campuses
- Application fee: $70 per campus ($80 for international)
- Fee waivers are available to students who qualify

Submit your application at
admissions.ucmerced.edu/apply

AFTER YOU APPLY

- Print a copy of your application
- Take required tests by December of your senior year
- Research and apply for scholarships
- Apply for financial aid by March 2 *(FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application)*
- Order test score reports
- Update your application
- Await your admission decision

YOU CAN AFFORD UC MERCED!

2018-19 Academic Year

90%

of UC Merced students received financial aid

$18,500

is the average annual gift aid offered to eligible UC Merced students

How to Apply for Financial Aid

- Apply for admission to UC Merced by Nov. 30
- Submit FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application by March 2
- Submit Cal Grant GPA Verification Form by March 2
- Complete and return any documents requested by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships by June 1

UC Merced ranked #1 out of the top 250 public colleges that offer freshmen the most financial aid by the Student Loan Report in 2017

UC Merced ranked #17 in Washington Monthly's "*Best Bang for the Buck: Western Colleges*"

BLUE AND GOLD OPPORTUNITY PLAN

Expands access to the UC for lower-income students

MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Provides funding to help middle-class students attend the UC

2019-20 COST OF ATTENDANCE

Learn more at
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CA Resident On-Campus	
ITEM	**COST**
Tuition/Fees	$13,538
Room & Board	$17,046
Books & Supplies	$1,016
Transportation	$464
Personal Expenses	$1,702
Health Insurance	$2,242
TOTAL COST	**$36,008**

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CA Resident Off-Campus	
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Room & Board	$8,595
Books & Supplies	$1,016
Transportation	$1,133
Personal Expenses	$1,569
Health Insurance	$2,242
TOTAL COST	**$28,093**

CA Resident At Home with Relatives	
ITEM	**COST**
Tuition/Fees	$13,538
Room & Board	$6,583
Books & Supplies	$1,016
Transportation	$1,512
Personal Expenses	$1,707
Health Insurance	$2,242
TOTAL COST	**$26,598**

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On-Campus

California resident tuition and fees: **$13,538**

Room and board (on campus, average): **$17,046**

Books and supplies (estimate): **$1,016**

Transportation (estimate): **$464**

Personal expenses (estimate): **$1,702**

Health insurance: **$2,242**

Off-Campus

California resident tuition and fees: **$13,538**

Room and board (off-campus, average): **$8,595**

Books and supplies (estimate): **$1,016**

Transportation (estimate): **$1,133**

Personal expenses (estimate): **$1,569**

Health insurance: **$2,242**

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

HOUSING REQUIREMENT

New first year students are required to live on campus for two years, unless they qualify for a residency exemption waiver.

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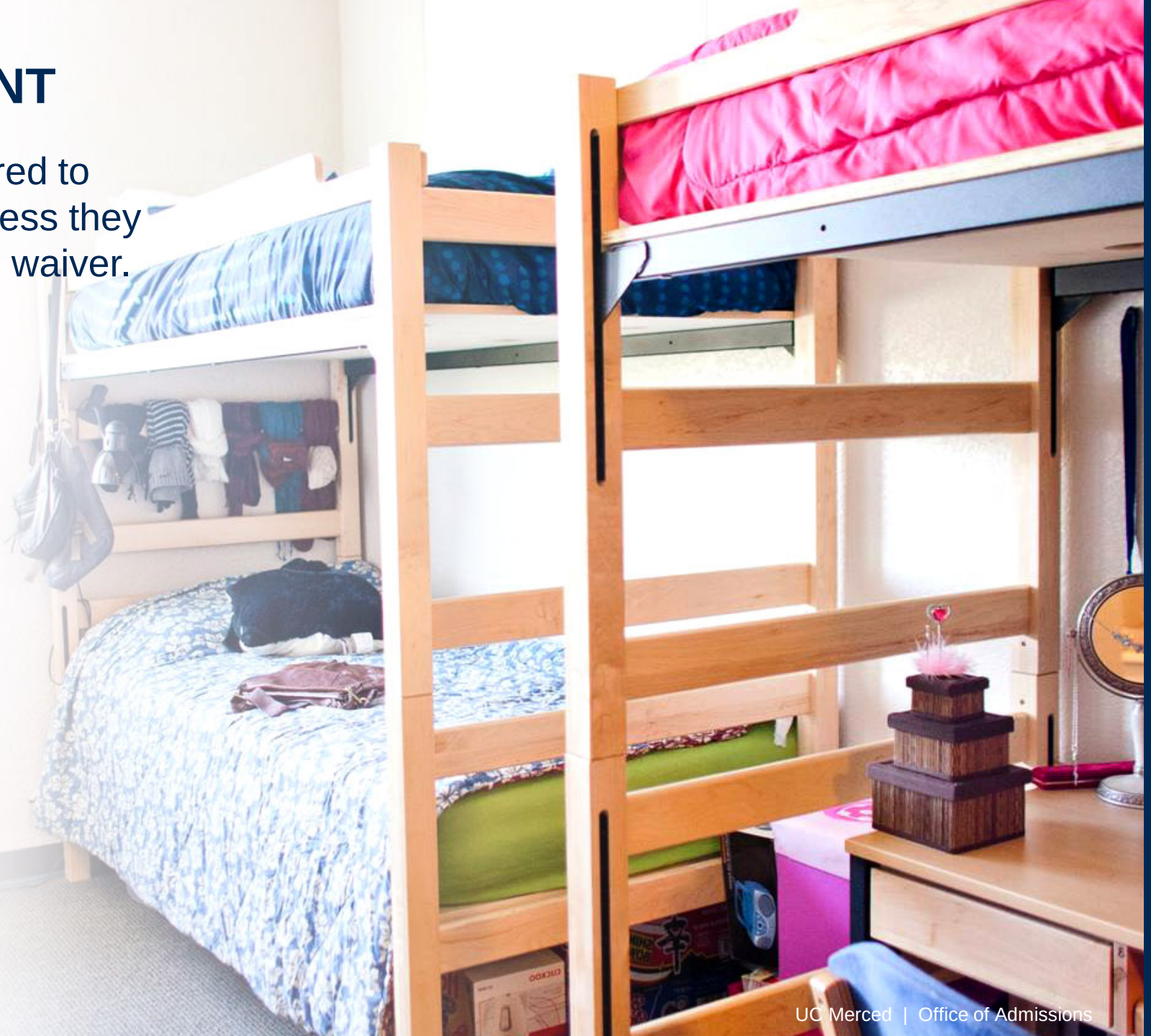
A Safe Community

- On-call police
- Emergency blue lights
- UCM Alert

LIVING ON CAMPUS



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NEXT STEPS

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U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges ranks UC Merced among the nation's **TOP 100 PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES**

UC Merced has been recognized as one of the **BEST 385 COLLEGES** By The Princeton Review

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