



JESUS IRACHETA JR.
 School of Medicine
 U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

“I was surprised at how military friendly UCR is. I was expecting it to be similar to my community college, but UCR offers many more services for Veterans.”



JASMYNE HARDY
 Class of '26, Computer Engineering
 Dependent of a Coast Guardian

“My favorite experience has been participating in the Student Veteran Organization events. They're all so welcoming!”



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STUDENT SUCCESS GUIDE

FOR VETERAN AND MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

Take your next steps to the University of California, Riverside. Join a thriving community of Veterans and 1,200+ military-connected students.

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GOLD MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL
 Among participating Tier 1 research institutions on a top 10 list by Military Friendly. VIQTRY, 2023-24





UC RIVERSIDE IS FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

Take your place at the University of California, Riverside (UCR), a proud member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), alongside institutions like Harvard, Stanford, UC Berkeley, and UCLA.

This affiliation ensures that you'll join one of the most diverse student bodies at a top-tier research university and graduate with the skills and experiences desired by employers!



- 150+ majors and minors, including business, biology, and engineering
- Internships and research in your first year
- 23:1 Student to faculty ratio
- 9 Ethnic & Gender Centers
- 9 Health, Well-being & Safety Departments
- Financial aid — 85% of undergrads who applied for aid were awarded aid!
- 350+ students orgs, concerts, and NCAA Division 1 athletics



TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS

STEP 1:

CONTACT UCR'S VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER (VRC)

tamarat@ucr.edu | (951) 827-2099

Request help to navigate VA benefits, financial aid, housing, career development, and campus life. All services are available to Veterans and military-connected students.

- Staff and peer support, mentoring, and networking
- Workshops, socials, free snacks, and prizes
- Connections with the Student Veteran Organization and Dependents & Military Families Organization

STEP 2:

VISIT UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

admissions.ucr.edu

Choose your major, take a tour, and find out what you'll need to apply as a first-year or transfer student.

STEP 3:

CONTACT THE VA SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIAL (VASCO)

vasco@ucr.edu | (951) 827-6162

Get help to customize a plan that maximizes your VA Education Benefits for your academic program. The VASCO has military-specific knowledge and experience, and is housed in UCR's Office of Financial Aid.

STEP 4:

CHECK OUT OPERATION VETS

Request info: tamarat@ucr.edu

Translate your military experience into civilian-friendly terms for resumes and interviews. Access job search resources and employers.

• TOP 1.3% UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

2024 Center for World University Rankings

• NO. 5 MOST DIVERSE MEDICAL SCHOOL

U.S. News, 2023-24 Best Grad School Rankings

• NO. 8 MILITARY SPOUSE FRIENDLY SCHOOL

(Tier 1 research institution category)
Military Friendly®, 2023-24

• YELLOW RIBBON CAMPUS

Out-of-state Veterans pay the same, lower tuition rate as California residents.

• NO. 2 IN THE NATION FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY

U.S. News & World Report, 2024

• 5-STAR RANKING

Money magazine's 2024 list of Best Colleges

• BEST FOR VETS COLLEGE

Military Times, 2023