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College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences
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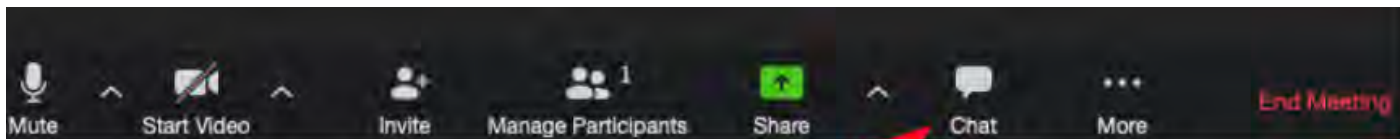
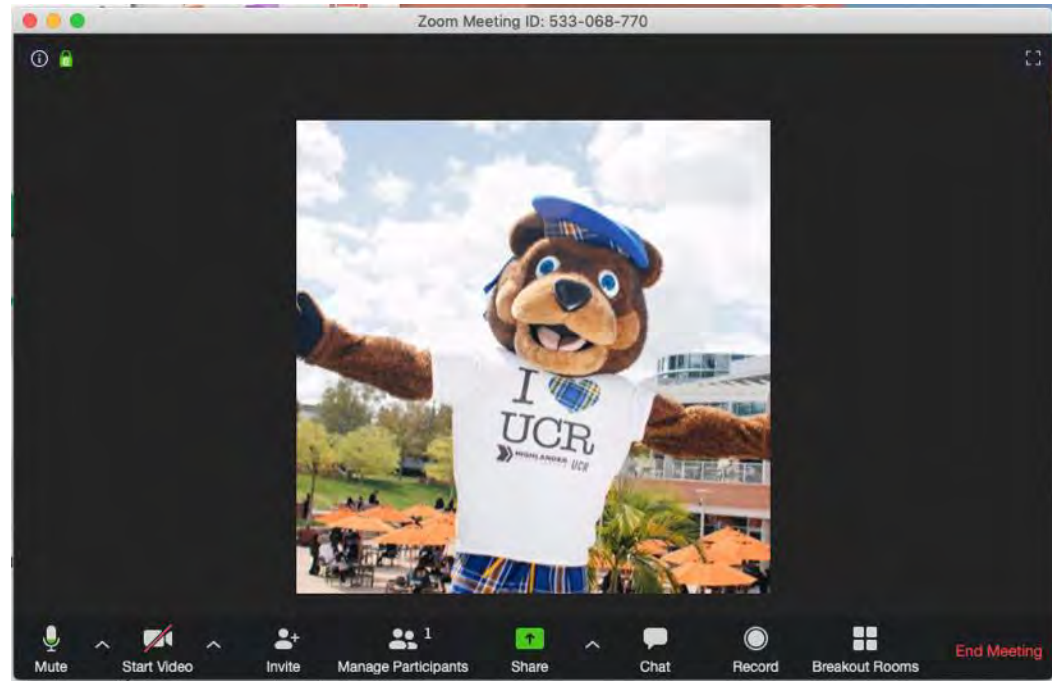
Dean Kathryn Uhrich

March 11, 2020

Welcome to the First SOC via Zoom

Please make sure you are muted throughout the presentation.

You can submit questions on the Zoom Chat.



CNAS: State of the College

Update on the Coronavirus
University Updates
CNAS Budget
Faculty
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Community Outreach
UCR and CNAS in 2020
Q&A



Coronavirus

Here's What We Know Now

- Currently, no known cases of COVID-19 within UC Riverside community
- To prevent further spread of COVID-19, UCR is proactively taking steps that will help to protect the community
 - Working to protect our health care system
- For questions regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the UCR Community, please visit ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus

Coronavirus

Academic Continuity & Campus Operations

- Winter quarter final exams will **not** be held in person.
- ***In-person instruction for Spring quarter will be suspended*** through April 3, 2020
- As of today, ***campus is not closed.***

- Instructors should plan to teach spring quarter courses fully online through April 3, 2020, and prepare to continue online instruction through the remainder of the quarter
- Spring quarter measures are ***temporary***, and will be reviewed and updated regularly.

UCR: Goals & Initiatives

Long-Range Development Planning

- 35,000 students by 2035

Additional Classroom Seats

- 740 total seats available Fall 2020
- 1,254 total seats available Fall 2021

OASIS

Opportunities to
Advance
Sustainability,
Innovation, and
Social Inclusion

Campus Facilities

- Wet Lab Incubator (MRB)
- Biocontainment Facility (BSL3 for plants)
- CARB: California Air Resources Board
- Student Success Center
- Dundee-Glasgow and North District student housing complexes
- Plant Growth Environment Facility



UCR Accomplishments

No. 1 for Social Mobility (US News & World Report, 2020)



No. 3 in Hispanic & Latino/a STEM graduates in the nation (NSF, 2019)



UCR jumped 20 places — to No.12 in the U.S. and No. 9 among public universities
(Money Magazine, 2019)



No. 1 public university in the country, and No. 4 overall (Money Magazine, 2019)

No. 27 among all institutions and No. 15 among public universities (Washington Monthly, 2019)



No. 12 on its list of the top 50 public universities that pay off the most (CNBC, 2019)



UCR climbed 37 spots in the Forbes' "America's Best Value Colleges" rankings, to No. 27 overall and No. 12 among public universities (Forbes, 2019)



No. 2 in the country for financial aid (Business Insider, 2019)



UCR Updates

Vice Chancellor, Research & Economic Development

- Hired: Rodolfo Torres

Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

- Interim: Tom Smith

Strategic Planning

Long-Range Development Planning

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Enrollment & Classroom Seats

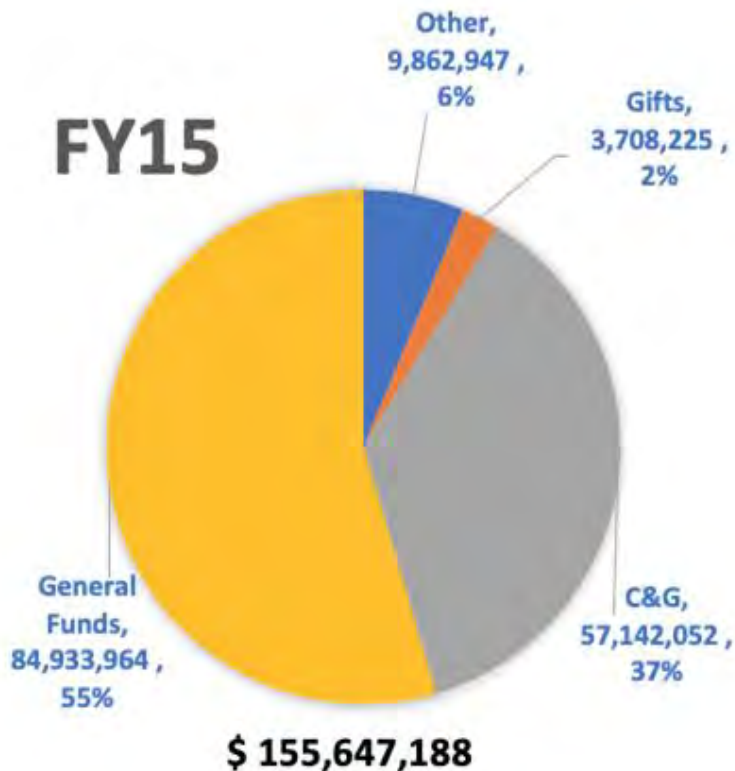


CNAS Vision

Elevate CNAS Status

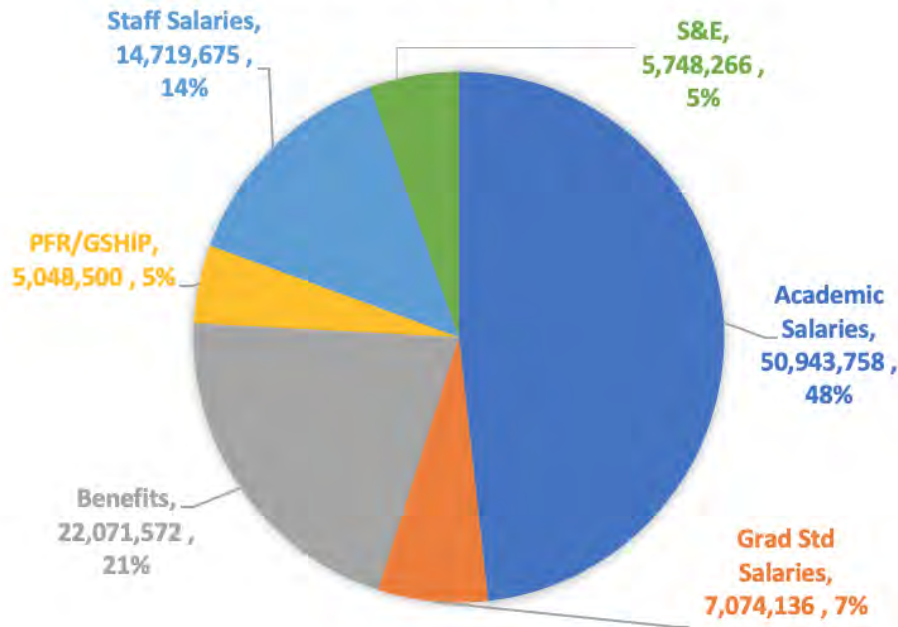
- Enhance Faculty Visibility
- Improve Student Experience
- Embrace Community

CNAS Budget: Actual Expenditures by Fund Group FY15 & FY19 Comparison



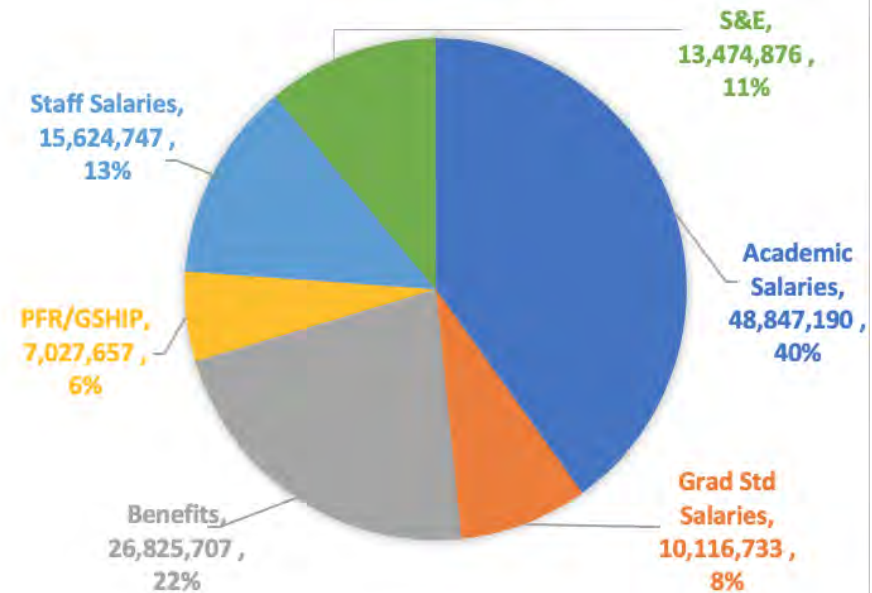
CNAS Budget: General Funds by Budget Category FY19

PERM Budget



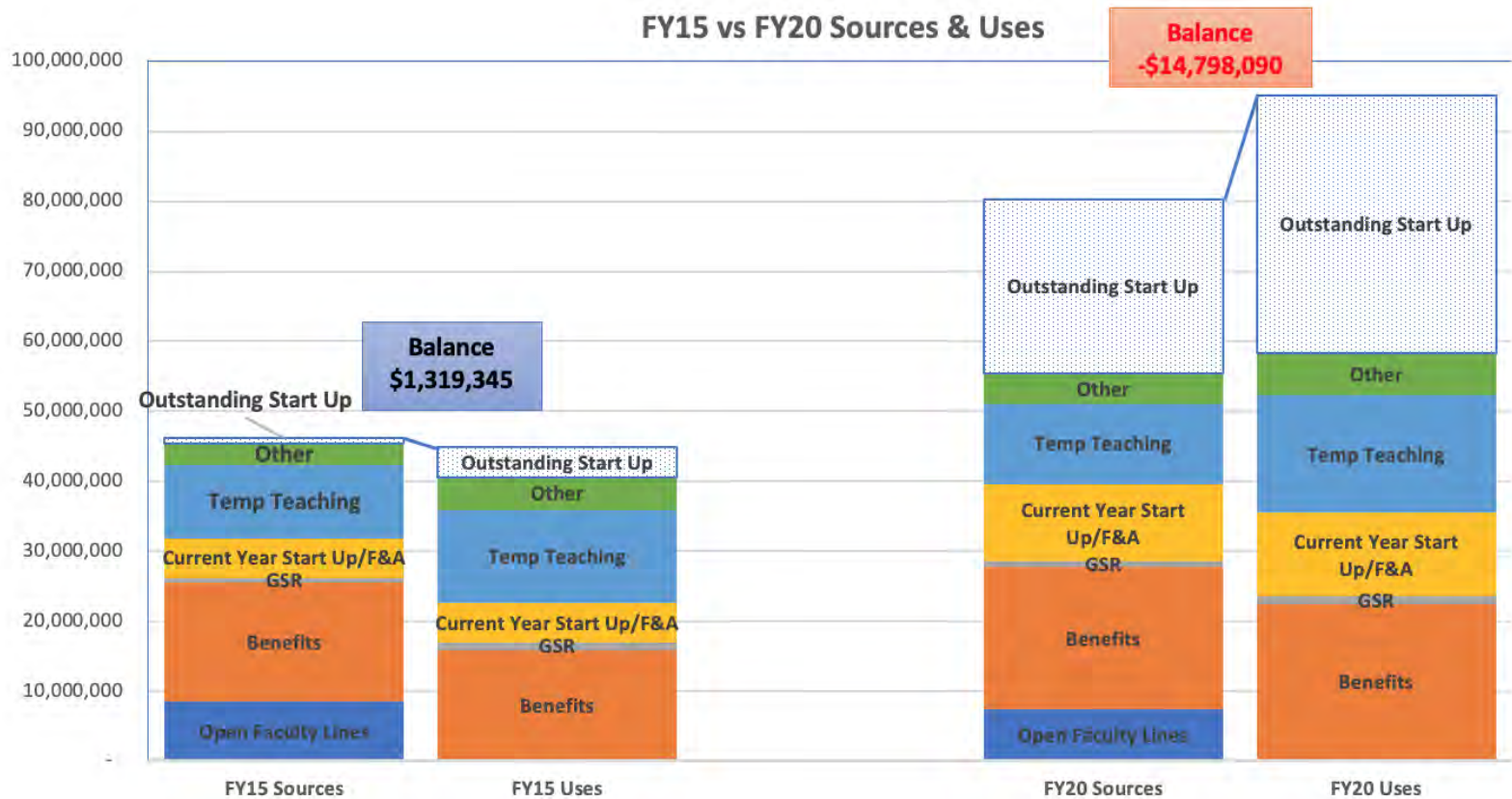
\$ 105,605,907

Expenditures



\$ 121,916,910

CNAS Budget: CNAS Deficit Composition



CNAS Budget: Departmental Mechanisms to Increase Revenue

- Offer summer session courses
- Recruit self-supporting MS students
 - Pipeline for Ph.D. program
- Add course and lab-based terminal Masters programs
- Develop self-supporting Masters programs
 - Such as Data Science (Statistics/SOB)
- Develop additional online instruction
 - Also helps with “Finish in Four”
- Develop graduate preparation programs (GPP) jointly with UNEX
- Increase international and NRT student enrollment

Faculty: Hires vs Separations



New Faculty

Polly Campbell, assistant professor in the Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology

Heyrim Cho, assistant professor of mathematics in the Department of Mathematics

Ashraf El-Kereamy, cooperative extension specialist in the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences

Yingzhuo Fu, assistant professor of teaching in the Department of Statistics

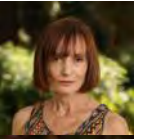
Natalie Holt, assistant professor of physiology in the Department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology

Chow-Yang Lee, professor and Endowed Presidential Chair in Urban Entomology at the Department of Entomology

Danelle Seymour, assistant professor of genetics in the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences

Timothy Su, assistant professor of chemistry in the Department of Chemistry

Linlin Zhao, assistant professor of chemistry in the Department of Chemistry



Faculty Hiring

5 Year Plan

Criteria

- Fulfilling the “7 year rule”
 - For faculty who separate before tenure, faculty “line” reverts back to the Department; this is the highest ranked highest priority for CNAS
 - Total of 7 (2 Ent, 2 Chem, 1 Stat, 1 P&A, 1 Nem)
- Meets research needs
- Meets CNAS teaching needs
- Spousal accommodations for CNAS faculty
- Space/infrastructure to accommodate the requested hire(s)
- Separations/retirements
- Promised hires
 - Total of 15 (1 MPP, 1 Ent, 8 BPS, 5 P&A)

National Science Foundation Career Awards (2019-2020)

UCR NSF Career Awards

- 6 CNAS
- 2 BCOE

UCR has 30+ active NSF Career Awards

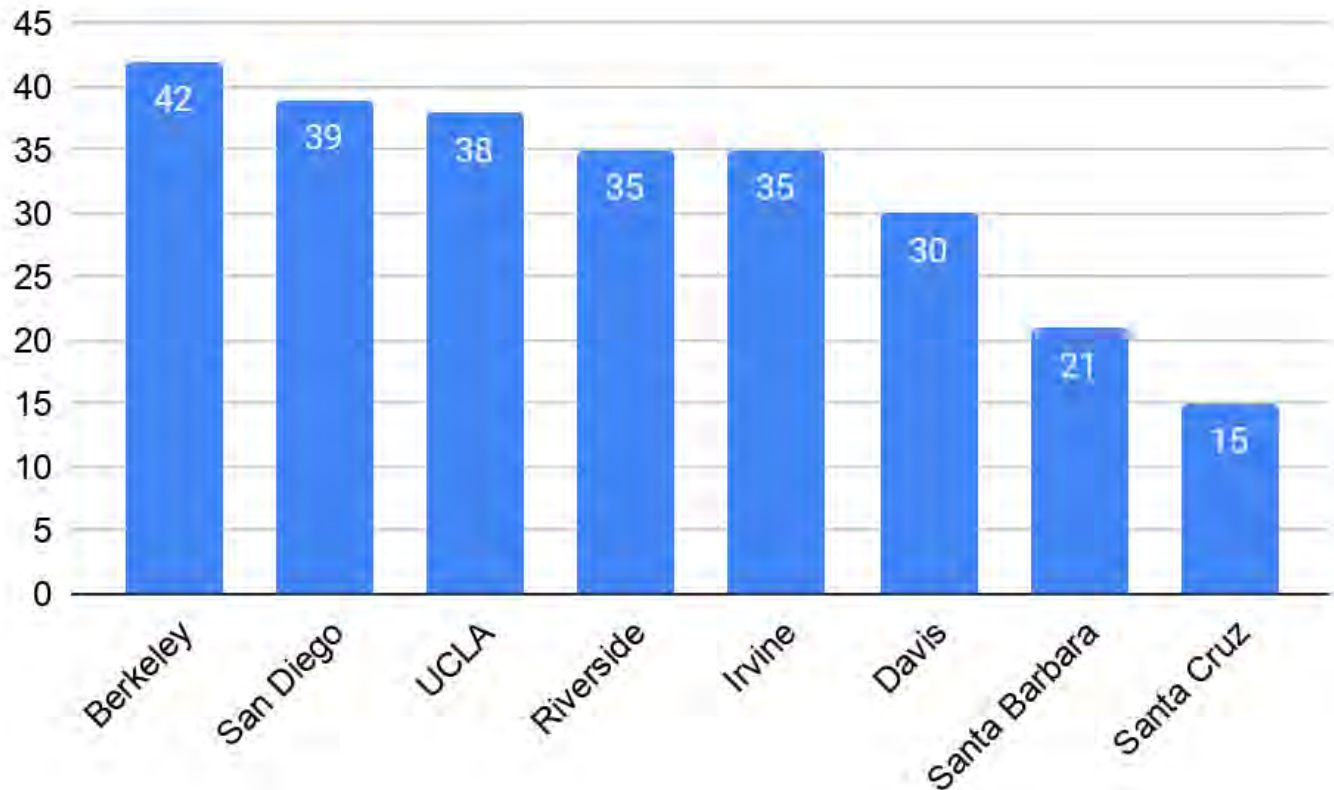


University of California NSF Career Awards (2019-2020)



**Ladder
Rank
Faculty at
UCI = 1,298**

**Ladder
Rank
Faculty at
UCR = 856**



Faculty Honors and Awards

Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers

Nathaniel Gabor, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy



Fulbright Award

Samantha Ying, Assistant Professor of Soil Biogeochemistry



American Association for the Advancement of Science Diplomacy Award

Exequiel Ezcurra, a [professor of ecology](#)



American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow

[Isgouhi Kaloshian](#), chair of the Department of Nematology



Faculty: Most Influential Scholars

Julia Bailey-Serres, plant and animal science

Alexander Balandin, electrical engineering and materials science

Pingyun Feng, chemistry

Hailing Jin, microbiology and plant pathology

Sang-Youl Park, plant and animal science

Sean Cutler, plant and animal science

Timothy Lyons, geosciences

Yadong Yin, chemistry



**Web of
Science
Group**

A Clarivate
Analytics
company

Faculty Recognition

Cooperative Extension Specialist

- Title change request submitted for UCR UC Cooperative Extension Specialists
- Eligibility to be considered for Career Reviews
- Simplified merit process



Grant Awards

TOTAL GRANT AWARDS

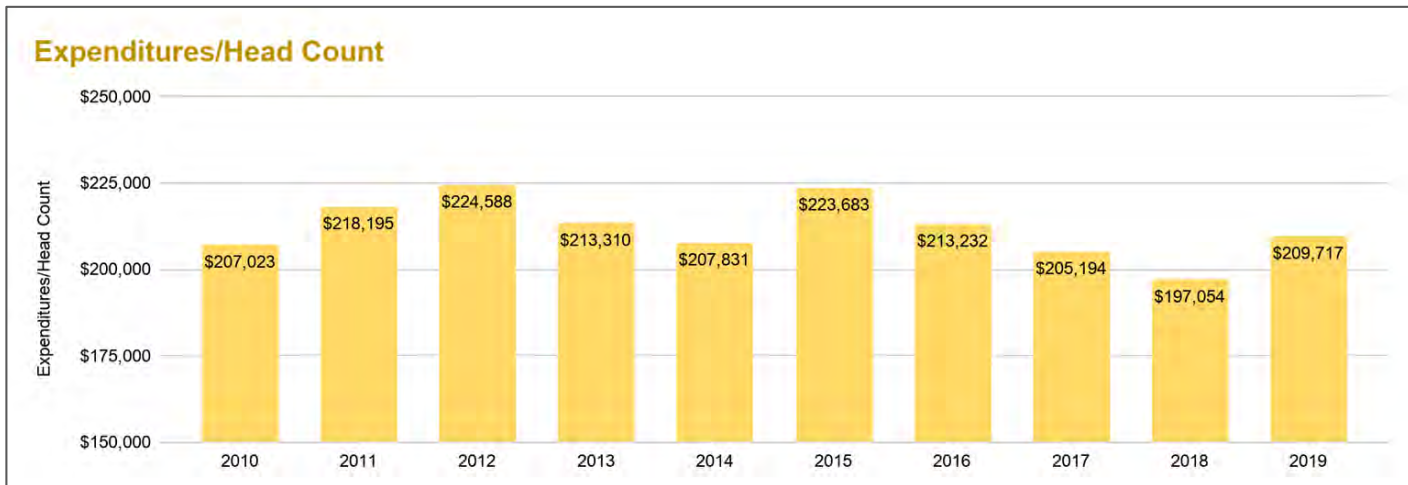
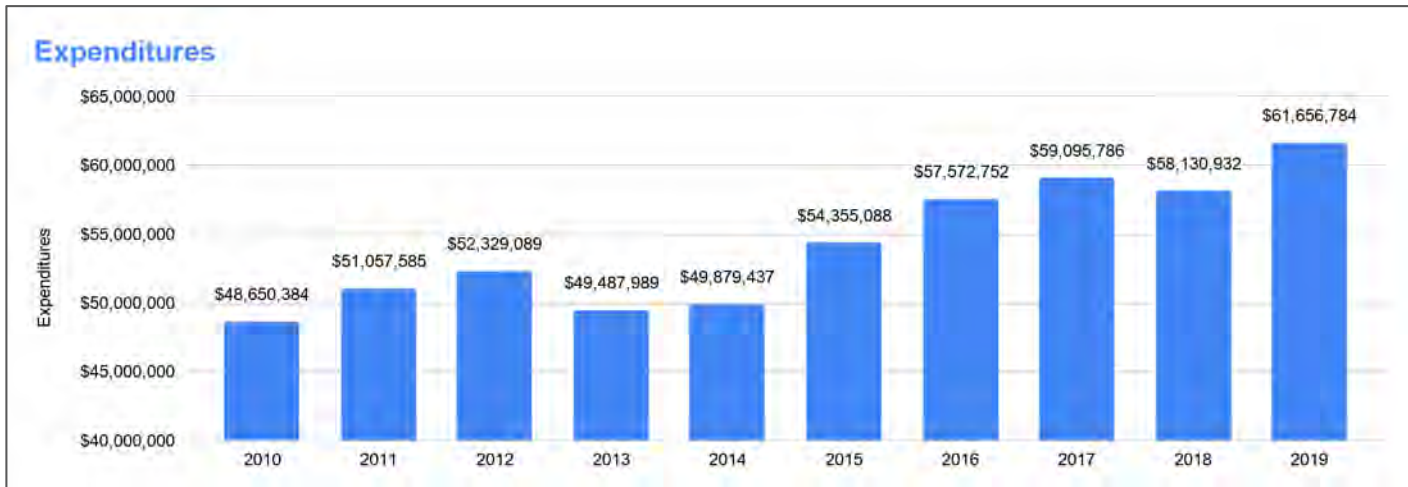
1,058 Grants

\$173M

CNAS is 53% of that total



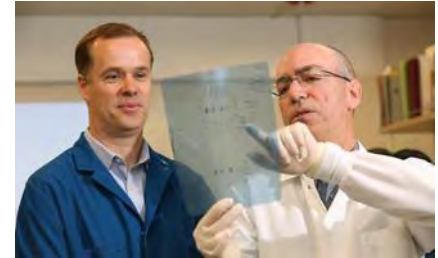
CNAS Contract & Grant Expenditures



Research Grants

Two Projects Receive NIH Grant for Breast Cancer Research

- Ernest Martinez, professor of biochemistry
Luminal B Breast Cancer
- John Jefferson Perry, assistant professor of biochemistry
Triple-Negative Breast Cancer



National Science Foundation (NSF)

- Ludwig Bartels, professor of chemistry
New van der Waals materials



CNAS Vision

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- Enhance Faculty Visibility
- **Improve Student Experience**
- Embrace Community

UCR: Enrollment for Fall 2019

This fall, UCR welcomed 7,843 total new students

- 6,725 undergrads
- 4,582 new resident freshmen
- 1,947 transfers
- 1,118 graduate students

Total enrollment is 25,548

- 6.7% increase from last year



CNAS: Total Enrollment Fall 2019

7,291 total CNAS student enrollment

- 859 Ph.D. students
- 20 M.S. students
- 6,372 undergraduates
 - 806 are transfer students

New CNAS students

- 1,668 first-year students
- 369 transfer students
- 180 graduate students



Student Success

CNAS Learning Communities

- 70% of entering CNAS freshman join year-long cohorts of 24 students
- CNAS 6-year STEM graduate rate average is over 75%
- Retention into CNAS second year is ~95%, consistently higher than those who are not in the Learning Communities

Goals

- 100% of CNAS freshman to participate in the Learning Communities
- Develop Learning Communities for transfer students



Student Success

RISE: Research in Science and Engineering

About RISE

RISE prepares students for graduate and professional study by providing valuable research experiences, training, seminars, and professional development workshops.

\$6,500 per year from corporate partners supports one undergraduate summer research intern on campus for a 10-week program

Promotes corporate engagement and philanthropy with CNAS and UCR

Program Update

\$1M donation secured for endowed funding; annual expected endowment growth will support increasing number of students



Undergraduate Student Awards

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Anthony Cort

Cort is conducting research on infectious diseases, specifically, on malaria. He's looking at malaria parasites, their DNA structure, and the proteins involved.

Amrik Kang

Kang just completed his third year as a biology major. The 20-year-old junior wants to further explore his interest in mechanisms of human disease and possible treatments.

Catherine Seo

Seo is investigating material that can utilize the body to regenerate damaged or broken tissue. Seo has also conducted research on biodegradable orthopedics and neurological implants. She wants to create a type of biodegradable screw to help stabilize internal fractures and a type of biodegradable needle to act as a probe that can measure wavelengths.



NSF Fellowships

Graduate Students

Holly Christenson, astronomy and astrophysics

Alexandria Nicole Costantino, particle physics

Martin Fernandez, cosmology

Marie Laura Leger, entomology

Jill Marzolino, evolutionary biology

Gregory Michael Newkirk, microbial biology

Samantha Smith, systematics and biodiversity.



Undergraduate Students

Sofia Rose Martinez Alberga, algebra, number theory, and combinatorics

Cindy Cristina Yanez, climate and large-scale atmospheric dynamics.

Graduate Student Awards

Grad Slam 2020

At the UCR Grad Slam Finals on March 3, 2020, Graduate Division awarded a \$5,000 fellowship to the best 3-minute talk by a UCR graduate student about their research or creative project.

Additional awards include \$2,000 to the first runner-up, \$1,000 to the second runner-up, \$1,000 to the audience's choice, \$500 to the poster session winner, and \$100 to 5 honorable mentions.

Of the 12 participants, 8 were CNAS Graduate Students.



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Infrastructure: Campus Projects

Facilities Related
Projects/GO Bond

Speith Hall: Pending outcome of GO Bond Funding

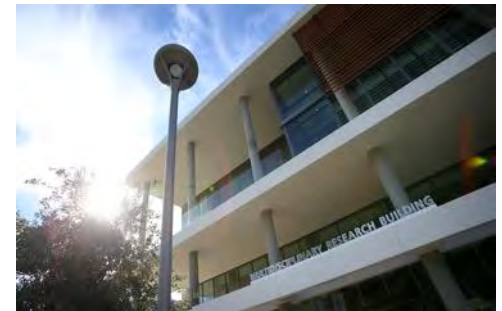
Batchelor Hall: Targeted to launch Summer 2020 [expected to be completed early 2023]

Webber Hall: Pending outcome of GO Bond Funding

Pierce Hall: Targeted for completion Fall 2021

MRB Move: As of Spring 2019, MRB populated 6 faculty cluster groups (Neuroscience, Infectious Disease, Quantitative Modeling, Data Science, ETOX, Gut Brain Axis)

NRS (Natural Reserve System): Prop 84 Funded Projects due to be completed in Spring 2020. New building and upgrades to existing facilities at *Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center* and *Boyd-Deep Canyon Desert Research Center*



Infrastructure: CNAS Projects

MSE Cleanroom: Expected to be complete Summer 2020

CVC - CUPS: Expected to be complete late Spring 2020

PGEF: Expected to be occupied in early Fall 2020

New Greenhouse [Field 16]: Completed on AgOps early Fall 2019



Philanthropy

Living the Promise

Launched in 2016 and will conclude on December 31, 2020

The \$300 million raised will help students, support faculty and their research and creative activities, build new infrastructure around campus, and fund endowed chairs, research, and university programs.



Philanthropy

Scholarship Management/Academic Works

Increase in total number of applications

- 2018-19: 142 applications
- 2019-20: 1,060 applications

Increase in total amount awarded

- 2018-19: \$45,725 was awarded
- 2019-20: \$108,989 was awarded

Philanthropy

Environmental Sustainability & Conservation Efforts

- \$5M endowed gift
- Largest gift made to CNAS to-date



Philanthropy

Endowed Chairs

- CNAS Currently has 19 Endowed Chairs
 - \$26M Endowment
- Reviewing and updating previous gifts
 - Planned gift committed by Singletary Family in 2010; university just received funding when their estate closed in 2019.
 - Jones Family gift in 1987
- Awards Committee working to develop standards/criteria

Community Outreach

Science Lecture Series

April 7

"The Plurality of Worlds: Searching for Life in a Universe of Data"

Stephen Kane, Associate Professor of Planetary
Astrophysics

April 14

*"From Sources to Space: How Big Data Can Help Us
Manage Greenhouse Gas Emissions"*

Francesca Hopkins, Assistant Professor of Climate
Change & Sustainability

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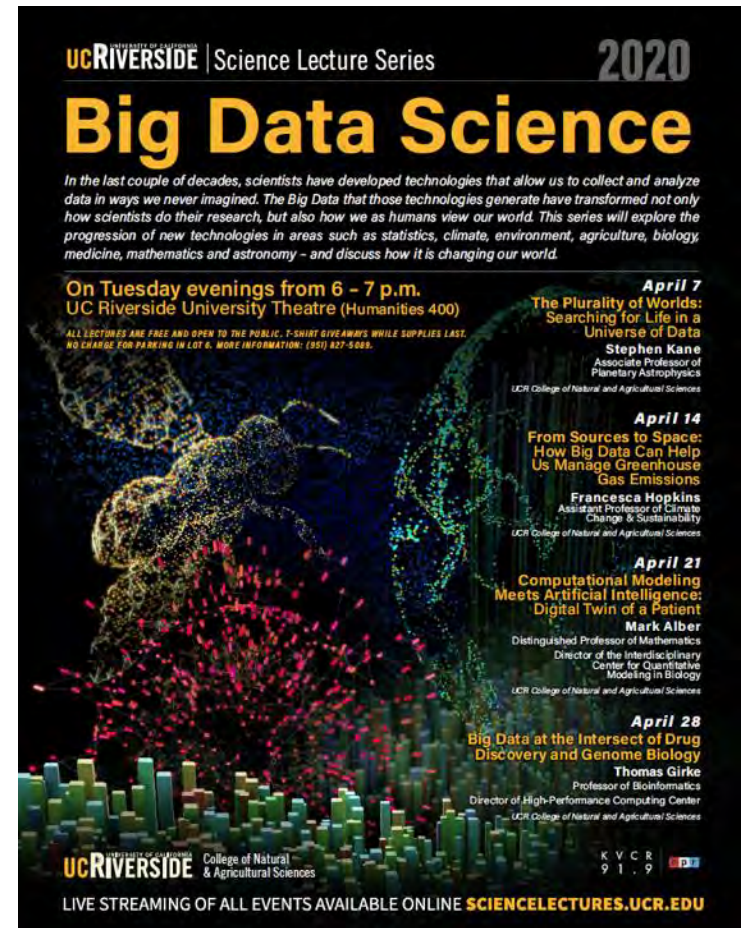
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April 28

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Genome Biology"*

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UC RIVERSIDE | Science Lecture Series 2020

Big Data Science

In the last couple of decades, scientists have developed technologies that allow us to collect and analyze data in ways we never imagined. The Big Data that those technologies generate have transformed not only how scientists do their research, but also how we as humans view our world. This series will explore the progression of new technologies in areas such as statistics, climate, environment, agriculture, biology, medicine, mathematics and astronomy - and discuss how it is changing our world.

On Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7 p.m.
UC Riverside University Theatre (Humanities 400)

ALL LECTURES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. T-SHIRT GIVEAWAYS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
NO CHARGE FOR PARKING IN LOT 6. MORE INFORMATION: (951) 827-5069.

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LIVE STREAMING OF ALL EVENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE [SCIENCELECTURES.UCR.EDU](https://www.sciencelectures.ucr.edu)

UCR & CNAS in 2020

UC Riverside

LRDP: Long-Range Development Plan

- CNAS: Bolstering land based research

Strategic Planning

- CNAS: Academic Plan

Safety Assessment

- CNAS: Focus on instructional labs

OASIS: Opportunities to Advance Sustainability, Innovation, and Social Inclusion

- CNAS: Clean air, clean water, clean soil

CNAS

Graduate Student and Program Support

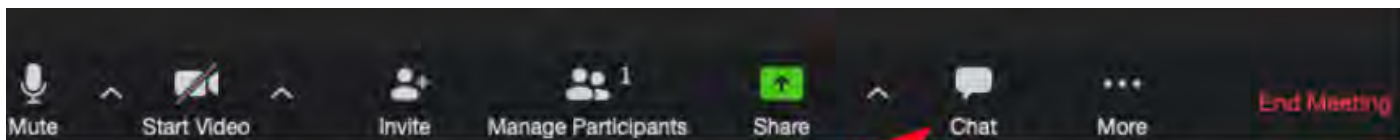
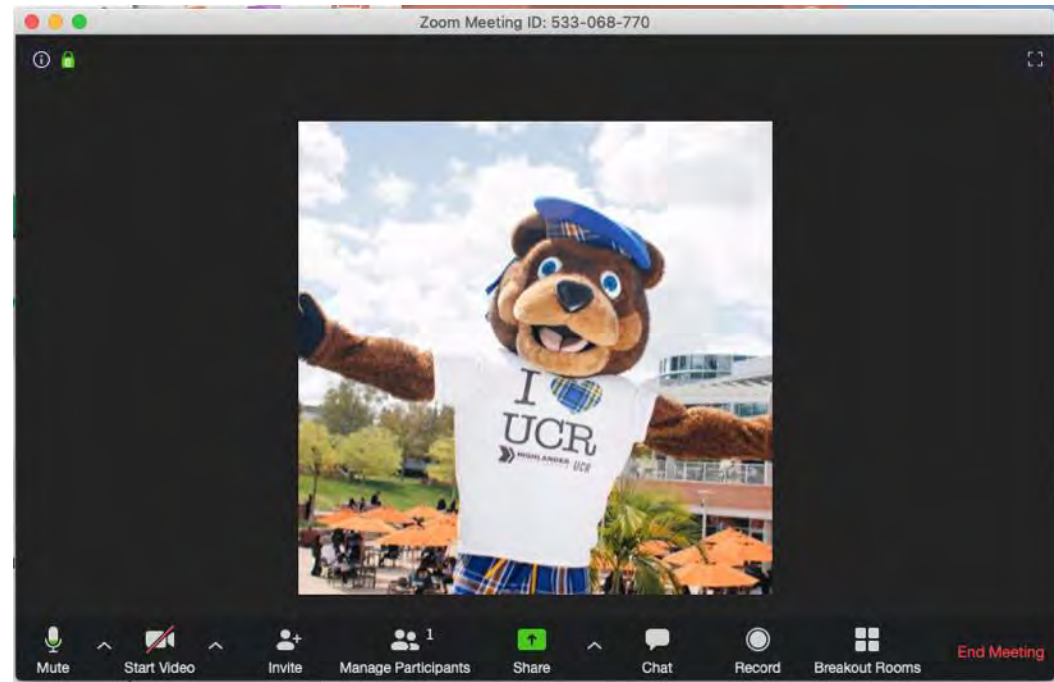




For Discussion

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Academic Continuity

Keep Teaching

- keep Teaching.ucr.edu
- Discussion Boards <https://keep Teaching.ucr.edu/community#bn-forum-1-1-136088973/11258>

Pedagogical questions

The Exploration Center for Innovative Teaching and Engagement (XCITE) is available to help you adapt your finals into different formats and to begin your spring quarter online.

- [Xcite.ucr.edu](https://xcite.ucr.edu)

UCR Academic Senate

COVID-19: Important instructional continuity guidance

- senate.ucr.edu/news/covid19.html

24/7 Technical Assistance iLearn Support

- help.blackboard.com/Learn
- iLearn Support: helpdesk@ucr.edu

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24/7 Zoom Support

- support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362003
- Zoom Support Hotline: 1-888-799-9666 ext 2
- Workshop on course delivery via Zoom https://zoom.us/rec/play/6Jd4d-Gqq203HICTsASDA_d9W9TvJ66s1iIl_fIFyky1UXMLOlehZeQRZbNAGp6XQfYOur0c_Y0EobyL?continueMode=true

Remote Access

- Accessing VPN: <https://systems.engr.ucr.edu/help/vpn>
- Accessing Remote Desktop: <https://systems.engr.ucr.edu/help/remote-access>

UCR Bear Help

- ucrsupport.service-now.com/ucr_portal/?id=ucr_home
- BearHelp email: [BearHelp@ucr.edu](mailto: BearHelp@ucr.edu)

Additional UCR Resources

UCR Health hotline for faculty and staff only (not for the general public or students)

- hotline at 844-827-6827 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

UCR Student Health Service (for students only)

- 951-827-3031

UCR Environmental Health & Safety

- ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus

UCR Student Health

- [Studenthealth.ucr.edu](https://studenthealth.ucr.edu)

Research Continuity

- UCR RED is preparing a website: TBD

UCR Bear Help

- ucrsupport.service-now.com/ucr_portal/?id=ucr_home
- BearHelp email: BearHelp@ucr.edu

CNAS Covid-19 Info Page

- cnas.ucr.edu/covid-19

Announcements

UCR Announcements

- insideucr.ucr.edu/announcements

UCR Environmental Health & Safety

- ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus

COVID-19 Info

- EH&S: ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus/faq_faculty-staff
- CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- CDC COVID-19 Facts: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts.html
- CDC COVID-19 FAQs: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html

UCOP Info on Covid-19

- www.universityofcalifornia.edu/coronavirus

Travel

- ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus#information_for_travelers