UCI is one of 62 universities in the U.S. and Canada elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities. UCI is the only AAU research university in Orange County and brings more than $300 million a year in research funding into the region.

UCI's faculty includes Nobel laureates, recipients of the National Medal of Science, and many members of the most important scholarly, scientific and professional organizations. Three UCI researchers have won Nobel Prizes: F. Sherwood Rowland and Irwin Rose in chemistry and Frederick Reines in physics.

UCI graduates rank 13th nationally in salary earnings among public universities, according to PayScale’s 2017-18 College Salary Report.

More than 900 industry leaders sit on a variety of UCI advisory boards, providing valuable input and guidance at every step as we execute our mission of research, teaching and service. Campuswide, the UCI research engine has helped spawn approximately 100 companies.

UCI generates 250+ corporate-sponsored research projects per year, boasts 950 new active inventions and has more than 500 active U.S. patents.

For the 17th consecutive year, UCI Medical Center was listed as one of the “Nation's Best Hospitals” by U.S. News & World Report. It's Orange County's only academic teaching hospital and Level I trauma center.

Orange County's second-largest employer, UCI has an annual economic impact of $5 billion and is a significant contributor to the region's talent-rich workforce.

In U.S. News & World Report's latest “Best Colleges” survey, UCI was ranked 42nd among public and private universities nationwide. UCI ranks 9th among U.S. public universities. The campus also finished 31st in the “best value” category.

The campus was ranked 4th by Forbes on its Best Value Colleges list in 2018 based on its tuition costs, school quality, graduation success rates and post-grad earnings.

Lured by UCI's burgeoning reputation, a record number of would-be freshmen and transfer students — more than 116,000 — applied for fall 2018 admission. That’s more than almost any other U.S. university, enabling the campus to pick a diverse and stellar student body.

UCI’s School of Law continues to ascend in distinction. In a study by the University of St. Thomas School of Law, the school's faculty ranked sixth in the nation for scholarly impact.

UCI is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) with 160 members, 2 National Medal of Science winners, 1 National Humanities Medal winner, 23 National Academy of Sciences members, 15 National Academy of Engineering members, 4 National Academy of Education members, 4 National Academy of Medicine members, 34 American Academy of Arts & Sciences members.

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The New York Times named UCI No. 1 among U.S. universities that do the most for the American Dream in its 2017 College Access Index list. More than half of UCI students are the first in their families to pursue a four-year degree.

The Paul Merage School of Business MBA programs consistently rank among the best in the world. The School is No. 1 for employing the highest percentage of female faculty by Financial Times. UCI’s undergraduate major in the Merage School is ranked 32nd by U.S. News & World Report.

Three UCI graduate programs and specialities are among the nation’s top 12, according to most recent rankings by U.S. News & World Report: literary criticism & theory (1), criminology (3) and organic chemistry (10).

UCI athletic teams have earned 28 national titles in nine sports, and and more than 500 individual Anteaters have been named all-Americans. More than 40 Anteaters have competed in the Olympics.

UCI boasts 27 LEED Platinum and Gold buildings, more than any U.S. College campus. The campus was ranked top 10 in the nation in Sierra magazine’s latest survey of America’s “Coolest Schools.”

Engineering Professor Scott Samuelsen’s lab deployed the first hydrogen fuel cell vehicle in the U.S., designed the model used to map hydrogen fueling stations across California, and opened the nation’s first public hydrogen fueling station. They also invented a sewage-based fuel cell that creates zero emission power from the Fountain Valley Sanitation District.

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