

STUDENT VETERAN SUCCESS GUIDE



WELCOME HOME TO UCR!

Our diverse campus will welcome you. Our community of student veterans will support you. And our veteran-focused resources will assist you — from application through graduation.



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Community: UCR boasts one of the most diverse and inclusive campuses in the UC system, including over 300 veteran and military-affiliated students ready to welcome you and support your journey at UCR.

Support: Our Veterans Resource Center connects you with important benefits and is a place to gather, study and just hang out. Meanwhile, our Student Veterans Organization advocates for veterans on-campus and organizes fun activities throughout the year.

Services: UCR's Student Health Services, Counseling & Psychological Services and Student Disability Resource Center are all dedicated to reducing the mental and physical barriers that interfere with success and the enjoyment of campus life.

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR MISSION

UCR wants you to succeed — not only in meeting your education goals but in your professional career too. And that means providing structure, resources and services to help you overcome barriers that may slow your progress or hinder your achievements.

Operation VETS: This free program can help you translate your military experience into civilian-friendly terms for resumes and interviews while providing access to veteran-friendly job search resources. Meetings are led by UCR Career Center counselors and feature discussions with professionals and employers from various industries.

Student Affairs Case Management: Should you face medical or mental health issues, social, financial or academic issues, you can turn to case managers who will listen, help problem-solve, develop a plan of action and ultimately connect you to the right resources.

Student Organizations: One of the most diverse, inclusive institutions within the University of California system; UCR serves as an incubator of new knowledge, social mobility and future leadership. Our Student Veterans Organization is just one of 450 student groups, including cultural, spiritual, academic and artistic organizations that foster personal growth and expression.



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YOUR GOALS ARE WITHIN REACH

UCR stands proud as one of 10 schools within the prestigious UC system, and nothing should hold you back from taking your place at one of the most highly ranked and respected universities in the world.

Affordability: Thanks to available benefits, scholarships and grants, most student veterans pay little or nothing out of pocket to attend UCR. Our counselors at the Veterans Resource Center will even help you work with the VA to get all the education benefits for which you're eligible.

Attainability: Course and GPA requirements for UCR and many of its majors are more attainable than you may realize. UCR is also a Yellow Ribbon Program campus, which means that the university and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provide funds to cover all nonresident supplemental tuition and fees for eligible students in all majors, with no limit.

Academic Excellence: Work closely with award-winning faculty, including two Nobel Laureates and enjoy an extremely attractive student-to-faculty ratio for a campus our size, averaging just 21 students to one faculty member (21:1). Of our 900 scholars and researchers, 98% hold Ph.D.'s.

92%

of UCR undergraduates receive some form of financial aid.

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Minimum Transfer GPA Requirement

21:1

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO



Tamara (Tami) D. Thacker
U.S. Navy Veteran, HM1, IDC
Veteran Services Coordinator,
Student Life

"I know that university life can be tough. That's why I choose to use my experiences in the military and higher education to ease the burden on our student veterans and give back to those who gave so much to our country."



Patrick Napier
School Certifying Official/
Financial Aid

"I'm here to help you navigate the many financial resources available to military-affiliated students and families. The GI Bill, Cal Vet Fee Waiver and FAFSA can be complex, but we'll work together to get you the maximum funding available for your educational goals."

FIND COMMUNITY, CAMARADERIE & SUPPORT

Take a break, study or just visit with friends in a place made by and for veteran and military-affiliated students. The Veterans Resource Center is UCR's hub of information that connects you to campus and community resources. The center also provides opportunities for peer-to-peer support, mentoring and networking.

Support & Guidance: The Veterans Resource center maintains a fulltime staff plus peers and mentors, to help you navigate the complicated world of VA benefits, financial aid, student housing, career development and more.

Annual Events: You're invited to join other UCR student veterans, faculty and staff throughout the year at events like UCR's Veterans Day Ceremony, Memorial Day Ceremony and Graduating Veterans Lunch to honor our active military and veterans' contributions, sacrifices and successes.

Student Veterans Panels: The Veterans Resource Center regularly hosts panels where you can share your experiences with other UCR students, faculty and staff. These interactions help ensure current and future programs and services at UCR are relevant and beneficial to all our student veterans.

FOLLOW YOUR HEART TO UCR!

Don't wait. Call today!

Speak with a Transfer Admissions Counselor to start an admissions plan, get connected to financial aid and learn more about our Veterans Resource Center. UCR is here for you!

(951) 827-3411 • admissions.ucr.edu/ask • go.ucr.edu/military

Visit the Veterans Resource Center!

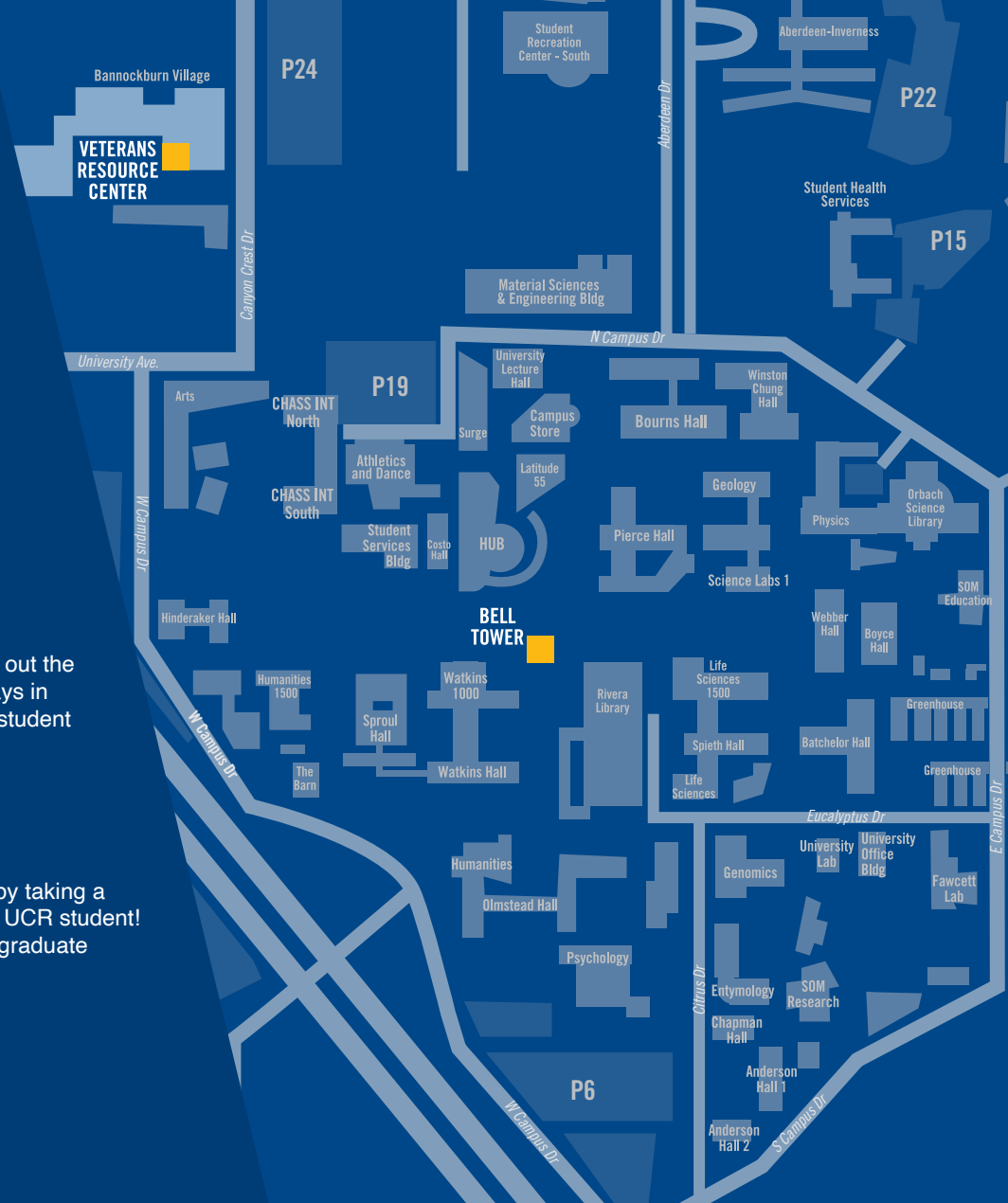
Stop by for a cup of coffee, say hello and check out the Veterans Resource Center. We're open weekdays in Bannockburn H-108. You're sure to meet other student veterans and can ask about life at UCR.

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Take a Campus Tour

There's no better way to experience UCR than by taking a walking tour, and there's no better guide than a UCR student! All of our campus tour guides are current undergraduate students – your best link to UCR.

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