



A COMMUNITY-BASED MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR CALIFORNIA

The School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, which opened in 2013 and graduated its inaugural class in 2017, is committed to expanding and diversifying the physician workforce in Inland Southern California. This region of 4.3 million people — located approximately 60 miles east of Los Angeles and 100 miles north of San Diego — has one of the most severe physician shortages in California.

UC Riverside, one of 10 campuses of the world-renowned University of California, enrolls almost 26,000 undergraduate, graduate and health sciences students on a 1,200-acre campus.

ADMISSION

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Apply through AMCAS (the American Medical College Application Service)
- MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test) score
- 3-5 Letters of recommendation
- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, DACA, or AB540

DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

- Application deadline: **November 1**
- Secondary application deadline: **December of application year**
- Transcripts: two weeks after application deadline
- MCAT: within past three years and no later than Fall of application year
- Interviews occur September through March

The UCR School of Medicine uses a holistic review of applicants to select outstanding future physicians who embody our mission to improve the health of people living in the medically underserved region of Inland Southern California. In addition to academic performance and personal background, we carefully evaluate the breadth and depth of extracurricular activities including authentic clinical experience and meaningful community service. We particularly value experience serving underserved patient populations, as well as strong interest in practicing in Inland Southern California and in primary care specialties.

ACADEMIC PREREQUISITES

Required Science Core (BCPM)*

- Mathematics: 8 semester hours in calculus and/or statistics
- Physics: 8 semester hours – labs optional
- Chemistry: 16 semester hours in general chemistry, organic chemistry, or biochemistry – labs optional
- Biology: 8 semester hours – labs optional

**lab course hours do not count toward total semester hours*

Recommended Humanities Core

- Any English, writing, composition, logic, or critical thinking: 8 semester hours Humanities/social science: 8 semester hours
- Spanish: 3 semester hours

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UNIQUE CURRICULUM

- Systems-based, integrated curriculum that combines the science of human biology with disease, clinical skills, and behavioral and health system sciences
- LACE (Longitudinal Ambulatory Care Experience) – a three-year long continuity clinic experience working with patients under supervision of physician-mentors beginning in the first month of medical school
- Research opportunities, including scholarly activities that impact patient outcomes
- Innovative third-year clerkships that provide continuity experiences with patients and physicians
- Community-based experiences that promote a deeper understanding of the context in which medical care occurs
- Elective opportunities in all four years to further explore areas medicine or develop skill sets (e.g. Medical Spanish)

CLASS OF 2026 PROFILE

The UCR School of Medicine believes that a diverse student body, faculty and staff are essential to achievement of academic excellence. We are committed to recruiting students with diverse intellectual and life experiences to bring added value to the learning environment.

- Applicants: 6,077
- Enrolled: 86
- Female: 48; Male: 37; Non-binary: 1
- Age range: 20-38
- Underrepresented in medicine: 44%
- MCAT average: 509 (77th percentile)
- Science (BCPM: biology, chemistry, physics, math) GPA average: 3.67
- Ties to Inland Southern California: 73%
- Disadvantaged: 51%
- Post-baccalaureate students: 16%

STUDENT LIFE

Our medical students participate in a variety of professional development, social and health and wellness activities that provide a complete medical school experience, such as:

- Student-run clinics
- Student medical interest groups
- Wellness program
- Career advisors program
- Physician mentoring program
- Summer externships and research opportunities
- Student community and identity affinity groups



SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

The UCR School of Medicine has a range of both need-based and merit-based financial aid to assist students in meeting the cost of education. Financial aid professionals work with students individually to design a financial plan tailored to specific circumstances while also providing specialized workshops and loan counseling. Our school's unique Mission Award Scholarship provides eligible outstanding students an incentive to remain in Inland Southern California and practice medicine.

CONTACTS

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