



Trending

NEW MOON THEORY On Halloween, UC Davis released a study explaining the mysterious tilt of the moon's orbit. A giant impact separated the moon from the earth, and the moon's gradual orbital drift changed our day from 2–3 hours to its current 24 hours. *Washington Post, Daily Mail, Space.com*

#1 PLANT AND ANIMAL SCIENCE PROGRAMS UC Davis lit up social media with the announcement that *U.S. News and World Report's* “Best Global Universities” rankings placed us No. 1 globally for plant and animal sciences. Facebook alone generated 1,100 likes and 316 shares.

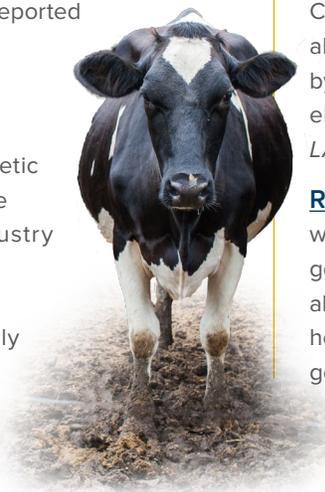


Top Stories with media highlights



SEA STARS DYING A study showing devastating impacts of a wasting disease on sea stars in the Salish Sea was extensively reported by local and international media. *The Globe and Mail, Independent.*

COSTLY BREEDER A genetic study showing how a single bull cost the U.S. dairy industry \$420 million over the past 35 years was picked up by *The Atlantic* and also widely covered in the trade press.



Institutional highlights

RESEARCH FUNDING UC Davis raised \$760 million in external research funding for fiscal year 2015–16, close to its all-time high of \$786 million. The top award was \$48.9 million from the California Department of Public Health to advance the state's communicable disease emergency response.

VOTER INFORMATION In partnership with the Office of the California Secretary of State, the California Civic Engagement Project at UC Davis launched an interactive web platform that maps voter turnout in relation to community factors, revealing pockets of vulnerable voters. CCEP Director Mindy Romero has also been a sought-after expert by the media in the run-up to the election. *Washington Post, LA Times, Sacramento Bee*

RESEARCHER REMEMBERED Postdoctoral researcher Sharon Gray was killed when the vehicle she was riding in was inadvertently caught in government protests in Ethiopia. Friends, colleagues and others posted about her on social media, and a memorial campaign to raise money to help mentor women in science has already rased more than half of its goal. *NY Times*



Distinctions in Brief

21ST CENTURY UNIVERSITY

Leading sustainable institution with numerous innovative programs and accolades—ranked third internationally and second in the U.S. (*GreenMetric World University Ranking 2015*)

Leader in **energy research** with more than 100 faculty engaged in renewable energy, biofuels, efficiency, hydrogen pathways, transportation and lighting technology.

Nine interdisciplinary **Organized Research Units** combine their expertise to study cancer, the environment, health care and numerous other topics.

At the forefront of **identifying and controlling diseases**, our experts in human health, veterinary medicine and agriculture address critical **One Health** issues such as avian flu, and Zika and West Nile viruses.

IMPACTING CALIFORNIA AND THE WORLD

UC Davis educates **more California undergraduates than any other UC campus**; one in every 204 Californians is a UC Davis alum. Recent alumni earn a median annual salary of \$51,700, and experienced alumni earn \$94,600.

In 2015–16, UC Davis brought in **\$760 million in sponsored research**. In 2014–15, UC Davis filed 229 records of invention and 210 patent applications, and issued 57 licenses for technology.

In 2015–16, UC Davis helped to establish 14 startups.

UC Davis contributes more than **\$8.1 billion each year** to the California economy. (Economic & Planning Systems Inc. 2015)

The School of Education has prepared **7,000 teachers** for California classrooms, and the Graduate School of Management has prepared **3,600 business leaders**.

UC Davis Health System serves a **33-county area with 6 million residents**. It includes the region's only Level 1 trauma center, National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, comprehensive full-service children's hospital, transplant services, heart and vascular centers, institute for neurodevelopmental disorders, and a **world-renowned tele-medicine network**.

UC Davis' Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital **cares for 50,000 small and large animals each year**.

The School of Law offers **community legal support** in immigration, prison law, civil rights litigation and family protection.

Last year, UC Davis Extension served students **in all 50 states and in 115 countries** via more than 62,000 enrollments.

UC Davis students, faculty and staff **volunteer more than 600,000 hours of community service** each year.

A COMPREHENSIVE, AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Leader in interdisciplinary study, offering nearly 100 graduate programs and more than 100 academic majors.

Nearly 40 percent of our undergraduate students participate in hands-on research.

Second among top U.S. colleges doing the most for **low-income students**. (*NY Times* 2015)

Top-ranked UC and No. 62 nationally in alumni earnings above expectation. (*The Economist* 2015)

In 2014–15, 56 percent of California resident undergraduates at UC Davis received **enough gift aid to fully cover their base tuition and fees**. 41 percent of our undergraduates are Pell Grant recipients, and **44 percent of students awarded baccalaureate degrees in 2014–15 did not take on student debt**.

Key campus services and events are **run by students**, including the Unitrans bus system, Coffee House and Picnic Day.

More than 1,350 UC Davis Study Abroad students **in more than 40 countries**—and on every continent—gain an international perspective.

The Internship and Career Center is one of the **largest academic internship programs in the country**.

UC Davis is highly ranked among the **most racially and ethnically diverse** large national research universities by *U.S. News & World Report* and ranks **ninth among leading institutions hosting international scholars**. (Institute of International Education 2014/15)

Aggie athletes are **high academic achievers**. Nine UC Davis athletic teams

posted the **highest NCAA Graduation Success Rates** in their respective conferences in 2015.

The Numbers

1st in the world in veterinary medicine (*QS World University Rankings*)

1st in the nation and **2nd** in the world in agriculture (*QS World University Rankings; U.S. News and World Report*)

1st in the world in plant and animal programs (*U.S. News and World Report*)

4th in the world in ecology and the environment (*U.S. News & World Report*)

6th best public university in the nation (*Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*)

7th among public universities and **27th** among public and private universities (*The Best Colleges' Top 50 Colleges and Universities in America*)

10th in the ranking of American universities based on contributions to society (*Washington Monthly*)

10th among public universities nationwide (*U.S. News & World Report*)

14th in research funding among U.S. ranked public universities (National Science Foundation)

One of 15 public four-year colleges with high graduation rates leading to high incomes (*College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education*)

UC Davis Medical Center and UC Davis Children's Hospital consistently rank among the nation's **top 50** hospitals (*U.S. News & World Report*)

Research funding: \$760 million in 2015–16

Private support: \$184 million in 2014–15

Total endowment fund reached \$1 billion in 2015

Colleges/Schools: **4** colleges (Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Letters and Science); **6** professional schools (Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing)

Student enrollment: 36,104 (fall 2015)

Faculty/academics: 4,200

Staff: 15,300

Student employees: 3,600

Living alumni: 240,438

Undergraduate majors: 104

Graduate programs: 96

Intercollegiate sports: 23 (14 women's, 9 men's)

Campus area: 5,300 acres