

## Trending



**WHY ZEBRAS HAVE STRIPES** Tim Caro, a UC Davis wildlife biology professor, concluded in a recent study that zebra stripes provide no camouflaging effect against predators. On social media, the story earned 88,278 page views, almost 40 times higher than our average story page view. *The Christian Science Monitor, Forbes*

### APPLICANT RECORD

A record high of 86,041 prospective students applied to study at UC Davis for fall 2016. A Twitter post about the record-setting number had the highest engagement of the month.

### SUSTAINABILITY LEADER

UC Davis was once again recognized as a global leader in environmental sustainability in the GreenMetric international ranking, moving up from its No. 4 ranking last year to the No. 3 spot. A Facebook post about the ranking drew more than 10,000 likes and shares. A recent proof point of the ranking is Mrak Hall becoming the 19th university building to be LEED certified.

## Top Stories with media highlights

### UC DAVIS EXPERT PROMINENT IN ADDRESSING METHANE LEAK



Stephen Conley, atmospheric scientist and owner of Scientific Aviation, flies weekly into a methane plume in Aliso Canyon to test emissions from a

leak that has been affecting people in the area since October 2015. UC Davis' role in addressing the issue and Conley's expertise in methane detection garnered national coverage, and our Facebook post had twice the average post reach for the month. *Los Angeles Times* (with a UC Davis video), *PBS Newshour, San Francisco Chronicle, NPR*

### KILLING THE ZIKA BUG



A UC Davis source list provided to the media has resulted in dozens of quotes in the *Associated Press, The New York Times, the Chicago Tribune* and other outlets. Expertise from physicians, entomologists and other sources on the Sacramento

and Davis campuses ranges from mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases to maternal and fetal health.

## Institutional highlights

### IMAGING RESEARCHER ELECTED TO NAE

Simon Cherry, a biomedical engineer who has pioneered new ways to image the body, is the latest faculty member to be elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Recent national recognition also went to physics professor Robert Svoboda, a 2016 laureate in the [Breakthrough](#)

[Prize competition](#), and four academic advising faculty and staff members, who received regional [Excellence in Advising](#) awards from the National Academic Advising Association.

**21ST CENTURY UNIVERSITY** Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi published the [2015 Annual Report](#), which describes how UC Davis is staying on the forefront of higher education, by building the University of

the 21st Century. The Office of the Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer also published the

[2014–15 Financial Report](#).



# Distinctions in Brief

## 21ST CENTURY UNIVERSITY

- Leads the world in **agricultural and environmental sciences and veterinary medicine**; UC Davis is one of only four institutions with two programs ranked No. 1 globally. (*QS World University Rankings* 2015)
- **Leading sustainable institution** with numerous innovative programs and accolades—ranked third internationally and first 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.
- 9 interdisciplinary **Organized Research Units** combine their expertise to study cancer, the environment, healthcare and numerous other cross-disciplinary topics.
- At the forefront of **identifying and controlling diseases**, our experts in human health, veterinary medicine and agriculture impact critical **One Health** issues such as avian flu, and Zika and West Nile virus.
- Student Health Services program **ranked first in the nation**. (*Princeton Review* 2015)

## 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 2014-15, UC Davis brought in a **record \$786 million in sponsored research**, filed 229 records of invention and 210 patent applications, issued 57 licenses for UC Davis technology, and helped to establish 13 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 **more than 6,800 teachers for our schools' classrooms**, and the Graduate School of Management has prepared nearly **3,500 business leaders**.
- UC Davis offers the only veterinary school in the UC system and the **only**

**public veterinary school in California.**

- UC Davis Health System serves a **33-county area composed of 6 million residents**. It includes the region's only Level 1 trauma center, NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center, comprehensive full-service children's hospital, transplant services, heart and vascular centers, institute for neurodevelopmental disorders, and a **world-renowned telemedicine 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 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**. (*New York Times* 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**. Forty-three percent of our undergraduates are Pell Grant recipients, and **44 percent of students awarded baccalaureate degrees in 2013-14 did not take on student debt**.
- Key campus services and events are **run by students**: Unitrans bus system, Coffee House, Picnic Day and more.
- 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 **9th 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 agriculture and forestry, and veterinary medicine (*QS World University Rankings* 2015)
- **7th** among public universities and **27th** among public and private universities (*The Best Colleges' Top 50 Colleges and Universities in America* for 2016)
- **11th** 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)
- **16th** in the ranking of American universities based on contributions to society (*Washington Monthly* 2015)
- 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**: \$786 million in 2014-15
- **Private support**: \$184 million in 2014-15
- **Total endowment fund** reached \$1 billion in 2015
- **Colleges/Schools**: Four colleges (Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Letters and Science); six professional schools (Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing)
- **Student enrollment**: 36,104 (fall 2015)
- **Living alumni**: 238,167
- **Undergraduate majors**: 104
- **Graduate programs**: 96
- **Intercollegiate sports**: 23 (14 women's, 9 men's)
- **Campus area**: 5,300 acres