

First-Generation Students



Did you know that nearly half of UCI's bachelor's degrees awarded goes to first-generation college students? There can be confusion and difficulties along the way when navigating a new setting like the university system. However, there are many resources available both at the Division of Career Pathways and outside of it that can help you capitalize your time and succeed at UC Irvine. You are an important part of UCI's success!

Division of Career Pathways Resources

- **Drop-In Advising** - Brief drop-in career consultations (about 10 minutes in length) for quick questions, resume / cover letter reviews, and questions about applying to grad school, etc.
- **Workshops and Webinars** - Offered to assist undergraduate and graduate students with their career development. Topics cover resume writing, interviewing techniques, job search strategies, internship planning, and graduate / professional school preparation.
- **Career Fairs** - The Division of Career Pathways hosts several career fairs throughout the year for students to meet employers and learn about job and internship opportunities offered by companies, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.
- **Professional Panels** - The Division of Career Pathways holds a variety of panels featuring professionals from different industries – many of whom are also UCI alumni. Attending these panels is a great opportunity to gain knowledge about particular career interests and to network with professionals.
- **Employer Events** - Attend in-person and virtual info sessions, industry panels, and on-campus interviews hosted by employers who want to recruit UCI talent.



Career Readiness

Students can gain professional skills through a variety of experiences. Did you know your unique experiences can be used to show employers that you are career ready?

Problem Solving

Leadership

Professionalism

Technology

Communication

Career Management

Teamwork

Intercultural Fluency



For example:

If you've ever had to show someone how to use technology (ex. showing someone how to use a computer), you may have shown experience with the Technology, Communication, and Problem Solving competencies.



Additional Resources



First-Generation Faculty Initiative (FGF)

- The FGF is comprised of professors across UC Irvine's schools / departments, who self-identify as first-generation college students. (firstgen.due.uci.edu)



First-Generation, First Quarter Challenge

- This program is offered through the School of Social Sciences. It is a 10-week program where first-generation freshmen and transfer students meet weekly for workshops, sessions, and other activities. These workshops are led by high achieving 3rd and 4th year first-generation student leaders. (firstgen.socsci.uci.edu)



The Sage Scholars Program

- This program provides undergraduates with significant financial need a wide range of resources including leadership training, career and graduate school planning, and access to internship and scholarship opportunities. (sagescholars.uci.edu)



Student Success Initiatives (SSI)

- Student Success Initiatives is an academic support program dedicated to helping first-generation college students, low-income, former foster youth, and/or disabled students to advance and succeed at UCI. (ssi.uci.edu)



Transfer Student Center (TSC)

- The Transfer Student Center (TSC) works with all transfer students to facilitate their transition and overall success at UCI. They also organize weekly workshops, provide formal and informal mentoring, and provide students with a space for studying. (transfercenter.uci.edu)



Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

- The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Assists undergraduate students in all schools to find Research opportunities on-campus or off-campus. (urop.uci.edu)



The Cross-Cultural Center (CCC)

- The CCC is dedicated to fostering the cultural identities within the UCI campus community. They provide opportunities for intellectual exchange and leadership development. (ccc.uci.edu)



On-Campus Clubs / Organizations

- The Office of Campus Organizations is a great way to find out more about the hundreds of activities on campus. (campusorgs.uci.edu)

For additional help, try:

FOCUS 2 CAREER (CAREER.UCLIEDU/FOCUS-2-CAREER)

A self-paced career and educational planning assessment tool.

CAREERSPOTS (CAREER.UCI.EDU/CAREERSPOTS)

Quick, informative videos on a variety of topics, including career readiness, internships, and career advice.

BIG INTERVIEW (UCI.BIGINTERVIEW.COM)

An online mock interview platform that combines training and practice to help you improve your interview technique and build your confidence.

WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & EVENTS

(CAREER.UCI.EDU/ABOUT/EVENTS)

Attend any of these and receive information on resumes, cover letters, interview techniques, job search and more.