2017 UCM Undergraduate Alumni Journey Survey

Q1 2017 UC Merced Alumni Journey Survey This survey seeks your input on your time at UC Merced, your post-graduate career and educational pursuits, and your relationship with UCM as an alum. We appreciate your participation and will use the survey results to evaluate and improve our academic and co-curricular programs, our services, and our communication with UCM alumni.

This survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and we ask that you complete the survey by August 13th, 2017.

Your responses will be kept confidential and will not be reported at the individual level unless otherwise indicated in the survey (e.g., your current contact information). This survey is entirely voluntary. Please feel free to skip any questions that you are not comfortable answering. If you have questions about this survey, please contact Cinnamon Danube (cdanube@ucmerced.edu).

Q2 Current and Preferred Contact Information

Q3 Please let us know how we can contact you. We will only use this contact information to update our records and follow up with you as a UC Merced alum. We will not distribute it to anyone outside the UC Merced campus community.

Current Name (first and last) (1)

Previous Name (while attending UC Merced, if different from current name) (2)

Street Address (3)

City (4)

State (if in US) (5)

Country (if not in US) (6)

Zip Code (7)

Preferred phone Number (555-555-555) (8)

Preferred Email Address (9)

Q4 How do you prefer to learn about alumni programs, events, and services? (select all that apply) □ Email (1) □ U.S. Postal Service (2) □ Text message (3) □ Phone call (4) □ Facebook (5) □ Twitter (6) □ UC Merced website (7) □ LinkedIn (8) □ Other (please specify) (9) □ I prefer not to be contacted about alumni programs, events, or services. (10)
Q5 Your Post-Graduate Plans and Pursuits
Q6 Please tell us about your employment status and/or additional education since graduating from UC Merced as an undergraduate. (please select all that apply) I am employed full-time. (1) I am employed part-time. (2) I am completing an internship. (3)
 I started my own business. (4) I am employed in public service employment (e.g., military, Peace Corps, Teach for America). (5)
☐ I am searching for full-time employment. (6)
☐ I am searching for part-time employment. (7)
☐ I am unemployed, but not seeking employment (e.g., homemaker, traveling, volunteer, retired, etc.). (8)
☐ I am currently enrolled in graduate/professional school. (9)
☐ I was previously enrolled in graduate/professional school. (10)
☐ I am currently continuing my education, but not in graduate school (e.g. 2nd bachelor's, license, certification/credential, etc.). (11)
☐ I was previously continuing my education, but not in graduate school (e.g., 2nd bachelor's, license, certification/credential, etc.) (12)
 □ I have applied or plan to apply to continue my education (e.g., graduate/professional school, 2nd bachelor's, license, certification/credential, etc.) (13)
□ I am an international student and returned to my home country. (14)□ Other (Please specify) (15)
Q7 Are you currently a member of or participant in any professional organizations? O Yes (1) O No (0)

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If Are you currently a member of or participant in any professional organizations? Yes Is Selected

Q8 Please list your professional organization(s) below:

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Q6 #9 or #11 Is Selected

Q9 Additional Education - Current Pursuits

Q10 You said you are currently continuing your education since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced. Please provide some information about this education below. If you are currently pursuing more than one type of credential or degree, please describe the highest one.

Q11 What is the name of the school or post-graduate institution you are attending?

Q12 Please indicate the ty	pe of credential	or degree that y	ou are currently	pursuing

- O Second bachelor's (1)
- O Academic Master's (e.g., MA, MS, MFA) (2)
- O Professional Master's (e.g., MBA, MLS, MSW) (3)
- O Academic Doctorate (PhD) (4)
- Professional Doctorate (e.g., MD, JD, EdD, PharmD, DVM, DDS, PsyD) (5)
- O License, Certification/Credential (please specify) (6)
- O Other (please specify) (7) ______

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Q6 #10 or #12 Is Selected

Q13 Additional Education - Previous Pursuits

Q14 You said you previously continued your education since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced. Please provide some information about this education below. If you previously pursued more than one type of credential or degree, please describe the highest one.

Q15 What is the name of the school or post-graduate institution you attended?

Q16 Please indicate the type of credential or degree that you pursued.
O Second bachelor's (1)
O Academic Master's (e.g., MA, MS, MFA) (2)
O Professional Master's (e.g., MBA, MLS, MSW) (3)
O Academic Doctorate (PhD) (4)
O Professional Doctorate (e.g., MD, JD, EdD, PharmD, DVM, DDS, PsyD) (5)
O License, Certification/Credential (please specify) (6)
O Other (please specify) (7)
Q17 Did you earn/complete the credential or degree that you pursued?
O Yes (1)
O No (0)
- (-)
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Q6 #1, #2, #4, or #5 Is Selected
Q18 Current Employment
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Q22 Which of the following describe your current primary occupation/occupational industry or
industries? (select all that apply)
☐ Accommodation & Recreation (1)
☐ Admin & Support Services (2)
□ Ag/Forest (3)
☐ Architectural Services (4)
☐ Business Services (5)
☐ Construction (6)
☐ Engineering Services (7)
☐ Environment/Sustainability (8)
☐ Finance & Insurance (9)
☐ Health Care (10)
☐ Higher Education (11)
☐ Internet & Computer Systems (12)
☐ K-12 Education (13)
□ Law and Legal Services (14)
☐ Manufacturing (15)
☐ Marketing/Communications (16)
☐ Mining & Utilities (17)
☐ Museums and Historical Sites (18)
☐ Other Education (please specify) (19)
□ Other Prof/Sci/Tech (please specify) (20)
□ Other Services (except Public Administration) (please specify) (21)
□ Performing Arts, Entertainment & Media (22)
□ Public Administration (23)
□ R&D, Social Sciences (24)
□ Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing (25)
□ Retail & Wholesale Trade (26)
□ Social Assistance (27)
☐ Telecommunications (28)
☐ Transportation and Warehousing (29)
□ Waste Management Services (30)
□ Other/Unknown (please specify) (31)
Q23 How long have you been in your current position with your primary employer? Please drag
the slider to the correct number of years, rounding to the nearest $1/2$ year. If you have been in
this position for 6 years or more, please select 6.
number of years in position (1)

Q24 How closely related is your primary job to your:

	Highly related (4)	Moderately related (3)	Slightly related (2)	Not at all related (1)
undergraduate field of study/major? (1)	0	0	0	0
career goals? (2)	O	•	O .	O

Q25 Was a bachelor's degree required to obtain your primary job?
O Yes (1)
O No (0)
Q26 How satisfied are you with your current primary job?
O Very satisfied (5)
O Satisfied (4)
O Neutral (3)
O Dissatisfied (2)
O Very dissatisfied (1)
Q27 What is your individual annual gross salary?
O \$25,000 or less (1)
• \$25,001 to \$30,000 (2)
• \$30,001 to \$35,000 (3)
• \$35,001 to \$40,000 (4)
• \$40,001 to \$45,000 (5)
• \$45,001 to \$50,000 (6)
• \$50,001 to \$55,000 (7)
○ \$55,001 to \$60,000 (8)
O \$60,001 to \$65,000 (9)
O \$65,001 to \$70,000 (10)
• \$70,001 to \$80,000 (11)
• \$80,001 to \$90,000 (12)
• \$90,001 to \$100,000 (13)
O More than \$100,000 (14)
O Prefer not to answer (-99)

Q28	8 In the past year, how often have you worried about your debt and/or financial
circ	cumstances?
O	Never (1)
O	Rarely (2)
O	Somewhat often (3)
O	Often (4)
O	Very often (5)

Q29 Overall Satisfaction with UC Merced

Q30 Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements about your experience as an undergraduate at UC Merced.

	Strongly agree (5)	Somewhat agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Somewhat disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)
Overall, I am satisfied with my undergraduate experience at UC Merced. (1)	•	•	•	•	•
I would recommend UC Merced to a prospective undergraduate student, friend, or family member. (2)	•	•	•	•	•
The benefits I received from attending UC Merced were worth the financial costs to me and my family. (3)	•	•	•	•	•
The benefits I received from attending UC Merced were worth the time I invested. (4)	•	•	•	•	•

Q31 What did you like most about attending UC Merced as an undergraduate? Please share any stories, memories, or experiences about your time at UC Merced.

Q32 We love to quote our graduates in UC Merced print and web materials. Please check the box below if we have your permission to quote the text you shared above. Your name, major, and class year would be shared along with your quote.

☐ Yes, UC Merced has my permission to quote me using the text I entered about what I liked most about UC Merced. (1)

Q33 Your UC Merced Experience

	4 While attending UC Merced, in which of the following did you get involved? (select all that
	Academic/professional/honor society or club (e.g., Psi Chi, Pharmacy Club, Pre Health,
	Student Alumni Association) (1)
	Community service/volunteer work (e.g., club-related, course-related, one-time project,
	semester-long initiative) (2)
	Employment on campus (3)
	Employment off campus (4)
	Environmental/sustainability activity (e.g., Eco Reps, Earth Day, Eco Fest) (5)
	Greek life - professional (6)
	Greek life - social (7)
	Intercollegiate Sports (8)
	Internship (paid or unpaid) (9)
	Multicultural/ethnic event (e.g., Ohana Luau, Holi, Carnivale du Noche) (10)
	Publications/media (e.g., Prodigy, Media Cats, Undergraduate Research Journal) (11)
	Recreational Sports (e.g., Intramural Sports, Fitness, Outdoor Experience Program, Sports
	Clubs) (12)
	Student club (e.g., cultural, faith-based, dance/arts) (13)
	Student government (e.g., ASUCM, RHA) (14)
	Study abroad (i.e., UCEAP) (15)
	Teaching training/certification (e.g., CalTeach) (16)
	Undergraduate research (e.g., ReCESS, with faculty, UROC) (17)
	Visual/performing arts (e.g., Dance Off, Soul'd Out Poetry Slam, Drag Show) (18)
Q3	5 While attending UC Merced, were you ever an officer of a student club or organization?
	Yes (1)
0	No (0)

Q36 UC Merced Educational Outcomes

Next, we'll ask a series of questions that ask you to reflect on the undergraduate education you received at UC Merced.

Q37 Based on what you know now, how did your undergraduate education at UC Merced prepare you for situations that require:

	Excellently (6)	Very well (5)	Well (4)	Fairly (3)	Poorly (2)	Very poorly (1)	Not Applicable/Unsure (-99)
An ability to be clear and effective when writing (Q37_1)	•	•	0	0	•	0	•
An ability to speak clearly and effectively in English (Q37_2)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
An ability to prepare and make a presentation (Q37_3)	•	O	0	•	•	•	•
Analytical and critical thinking skills (Q37_4)	•	O	O	•	•	•	•
Quantitative (mathematical or statistical) skills (Q37_5)	0	O	O	0	•	0	•
Library research skills (Q37_6)	•	•	0	•	O	o	•
Other research skills (Q37_7)	•	•	O	O	•	O	O
An understanding of your specific field of study (Q37_8)	0	•	0	•	0	•	0
An ability to understand international perspectives (e.g. economic,	•	•	•	0	•	•	•

political, social, cultural) (Q37_9)							
An ability to acquire new skills and/or knowledge on your own (Q37_10)	O	O	0	0	•	•	•
An ability to appreciate the fine arts (e.g. painting, music, drama, dance) (Q37_11)	O	O	•	•	O	•	•
An ability to work with people from other cultures (Q37_12)	O	O	O	•	•	•	0
Interpersonal (social) skills (Q37_13)	•	•	O .	•	•	•	0
An ability to work as a member of a team or group (Q37_14)	O	O	O	0	•	•	•
Self- awareness and understanding (Q37_15)	O	O	O	0	•	•	•

Q38 Please indicate your agreement with each statement below about your undergraduate educational experience at UC Merced.

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	Strongly agree (6)	Agree (5)	Somewhat agree (4)	Somewhat disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly disagree (1)	Not Applicable/Unsure (-99)				
I had a mentor who encouraged me to pursue my goals and dreams. (Q38_1)	0	0	•	•	•	•	•				
I had at least one professor who made me excited about learning. (Q38_2)	0	0	•	•	•	O	•				
My professors cared about me as a person. (Q38_3)	O	•	•	•	•	•	•				

Q39 Volunteer or Community Service/Outreach

Q40 Have you voted in an election(s) since obtaining your undergraduate degree from L	JC
Merced? (select all that apply)	
☐ Yes, I voted in a local election(s) (1)	
☐ Yes, I voted in a state or national election(s) (2)	
□ No, I am not registered to vote (3)	
□ No, I am registered to vote but have not (4)	
Q41 Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities sine obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced? O Yes, currently participating (2) O Yes, but not currently participating (1) O No (0)	се

Display This Question:

If Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced? Yes, currently participating Is Selected

Or Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced? Yes, but not currently participating Is Selected

Q4	2 Which of the options below best describes the volunteer or community service/outreach
act	tivities you are currently participating or have participated in since obtaining your
und	dergraduate degree from UC Merced. (Select all that apply.)
	Philanthropic/monetary service (e.g., donating money to a cause) (1)
	Direct service: Activities that help other people (e.g., tutoring, helping the elderly, etc.) (2)
	Indirect service: Activities that do not relate directly to an individual (e.g., collecting food for
	those in need, fundraising for the Aids Walk, etc.) (3)
	General community service: Activities related to the public good (e.g., cleaning a park,
	recycling cans, etc.) (4)
	Other (please specify) (5)

Display This Question:

If Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced? Yes, currently participating Is Selected

Or Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced? Yes, but not currently participating Is Selected

Q43 Please briefly describe the volunteer or community service/outreach activities you are currently participating or have participated in since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced.

Q44 UC Merced Alumni Engagement

Q45 Are you currently employed by or attending UC Merced as a student?

- **O** Yes (1)
- O No (0)

Display This Question:

If Are you currently employed by or attending UC Merced as a student? No Is Selected

Q46 How many times in the past year have you:

	0 times (0)	1-2 times (1)	3-5 times (2)	more than 5 times (3)
Visited campus? (1)	O	0	0	0
Attended a campus-sponsored or alumni event?	•	•	•	•
Connected with fellow alumni? (3)	0	0	0	0

Display This Question:

If Are you currently employed by or attending UC Merced as a student? Yes Is Selected Q47 How many times in the past year have you:

	0 times (0)	1-2 times (1)	3-5 times (2)	more than 5 times (3)
Attended an alumni event? (2)	O	0	0	0
Connected with fellow alumni? (3)	•	•	•	•

Q4	8 What kind of information related to UC Merced is valuable to you? (select all that apply)
	Current news about UC Merced (1)
	Information about alumni programs, events, and activities (2)
	Information about fellow alumni (3)
	Other (please specify) (4)

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Q53 Closing Comments

Q54 Please use the space below to share any other comments you have about UC Merced.

Q55 Personal/Background Information

Q56 Are you legally married to a fellow UC Merced student or alumnus/alumna? (This
information helps UC Merced to conserve resources through mailings and other outreach
efforts.)
O. Yes (1)

O Yes (1)

O No (0)

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If Are you legally married to a fellow UC Merced student or alumnus/alumna? (This information helps UC Merced to conserve resources through mailings and other outreach efforts.) Yes Is Selected

Q57 Please provide your spouse's name.

First Name (1)

Last Name (when s/he attended UC Merced) (2)

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Q58 By clicking submit below, you will be automatically entered into the prize drawing. If you win, we plan to include your name, major, and graduating class in our survey promotion materials. If you do NOT want your information included in promotional materials, please click No below.

□ No, please do not use my name, major, or graduating class in promotional materials (1)

Q59 Thank you for completing the survey! Please consider creating or updating your professional LinkedIn profile (https://www.linkedin.com/) and joining the UC Merced Alumni Association Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/ucmaa) to help us keep our alumni records up to date and share important information.

Please click Submit to submit your survey responses.