2022 UCM Undergraduate Alumni Journey Survey

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Q1 What is the UC Merced Undergraduate Alumni Journey Survey?

The UC Merced Undergraduate Alumni Journey survey is an online survey administered every other summer to graduates who received a baccalaureate degree and who are 1, 3, and 5 years post-graduation. The survey asks about several topics, including:

- Your current contact information and how you like to receive news about UC Merced;
- Your current employment and other education you pursued, including how well UC Merced prepared you;
- · Your engagement in volunteer and outreach activities; and
- Your interest in being engaged with the campus as an alum (e.g., helping enrich the student experience)

Voluntary Participation

Your participation is voluntary. Your decision to participate will not affect your relationship with the University of California or benefits to which you may otherwise be entitled. You may withdraw from the survey at any time or skip questions that you do not wish to answer.

Accessibility

If you are using screen reading software (e.g., JAWS), please use table navigation. You are also encouraged to email or call UC Merced Accessibility Services – access@ucmerced.edu or 209-228-6996 - for confidential assistance. We recommend that you use a computer/laptop or tablet device to take the survey. The questions may not be displayed properly on a phone. The survey will be available between May 31st to August 21st, 2022. We recommend that you try to complete the survey in one sitting – depending on your browser settings, your responses may not be saved should you to exit and try finish the survey later.

Study Procedure

If you agree to participate, you should be able to complete the survey in 10-15 minutes.

Prizes

In appreciation for your time and as an incentive for taking the survey, we will give away 40 \$25 Amazon e-gift cards – a total of \$1,000 - and 20 UC Merced branded t-shirts and hats. Survey completers will be entered into bi-weekly gift card drawings, so the earlier you complete the survey the more chances you'll have to win! The exact odds of winning a prize are unknown, as this is influenced by the number of people who complete and submit a survey. However, the approximate odds of winning any prize based on past response rates and the number of

available prizes is 1/20. UC Merced Alumni Relations will notify winners about how to claim their prize at the email address they used to take the survey.

To enter the prize drawings without completing the survey, you must email Cinnamon Danube (cdanube@ucmerced.edu). This email must be received by August 21st, 2022 to be entered in the final drawing.

Benefits

While there may not be any direct benefit to you from participating, the survey gives graduates an opportunity to comment on the quality of the education they received, student services, and other aspects of their undergraduate experience that help the University evaluate and improve undergraduate programs and services. This information can also help us understand how best to contact, engage, and support our alumni.

Protecting your Privacy

Your personal information, limited to your name and email address, is used strictly for sending survey invitation and reminder messages. Such information is only accessible by survey administration staff. After the survey is closed, your name and contact information will not be connected to your survey responses unless otherwise indicated in the survey and unless we have your consent. Your student ID will be used to match survey responses against other data such as, but not limited to, your demographics, enrollment records, graduation data, applicant data, and post-baccalaureate data. This data is used for analysis and reporting.

Please be assured that your responses will be kept confidential and the results of the study will be reported only as aggregate (group level) data. Any identifiable information that is obtained in connection with this study will remain confidential. When this information is stored on third party secure platforms and secure file transfer suppliers, confidentiality will be maintained and your privacy protected according to the University of California privacy and security policies. This information will only be disclosed when required by law. There are areas in the survey that will ask you whether it is okay to share survey responses and identifying information with appropriate campus offices (e.g., Alumni Relations, the Center for Career and Professional Advancement, Admissions). This information will not be shared in a way that could identify you unless you indicate that we have your permission to do so. All data used in public reporting, including quotations from open-ended responses, will be reviewed to ensure that your identity cannot be ascertained unless you give us permission to identify you. Information will be retained in compliance with UC's Record Retention Schedule https://recordsretention.ucop.edu/.

With appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, the data may also be used in anonymized form for academic research.

Please keep in mind that University policy requires all reports of sexual harassment and sexual violence against students to be forwarded to the title IX office - http://dsvp.ucmerced.edu/report. Those who disclose that they experienced sexual harassment or sexual violence while students may be contacted by the Title IX office with information about reporting options and support

services available to them. Please note that the responses to the survey may not be reviewed immediately. If any of your responses concern matters in need of immediate action or disclose dangerous situations, you should immediately report those matters to the appropriate authorities.

Asking Questions and Reporting Concerns If you have any questions about this study or how responses will be used, please contact Cinnamon Danube at cdanube@ucmerced.edu or 209-228-6982.
Q66 By selecting "Agree", I am providing my consent to this survey research effort, as described above. I understand and will participate.
O Agree (1)
O Disagree (2)
End of Block: CoverPage
Start of Block: Contact
Q2 Current and Preferred Contact Information

anyone outside the UC Merced campus community.	
Current Name (first and last) (1)	
O Previous Name (while attending UC Merced, if different from current name) (2)	
O Street Address (3)	
O City (4)	
O State (if in US) (5)	
O Country (if not in US) (6)	
O Zip Code (7)	
O Preferred phone Number (555-555-5555) (8)	
O Preferred Email Address (9)	
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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

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Q4 How do y apply)	ou prefer to learn about alumni programs, events, and services? (select all that
	Email (1)
	U.S. Postal Service (2)
	Text message (3)
	Phone call (4)
	Facebook (5)
	Twitter (6)
	Instagram (11)
	UC Merced website (7)
	LinkedIn (8)
	Other (please specify) (9)
	◯ I prefer not to be contacted about alumni programs, events, or services. (10)
End of Bloc	k: Contact
Start of Bloo	ck: Post-graduate plans

Q5 Your Post-Graduate Plans and Pursuits

	us about your employment status and/or additional education since graduating ed 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)
for America	I am employed in public service employment (e.g., military, Peace Corps, Teach a). (5)
	I am searching for full-time employment. (6)
	I am searching for part-time employment. (7)
volunteer,	I am unemployed, but not seeking employment (e.g., homemaker, traveling, retired, etc.). (8)
	I am <u>currently</u> enrolled in graduate/professional school. (9)
	I was <u>previously</u> enrolled in graduate/professional school. (10)
bachelor's	I am <u>currently</u> continuing my education, but not in graduate school (e.g. 2nd license, certification/credential, etc.). (11)
bachelor's	I was previously continuing my education, but not in graduate school (e.g., 2nd license, certification/credential, etc.) (12)
graduate/p	I have applied or plan to apply to continue my education (e.g., rofessional 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)

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Q7 Are you currently a member of or participant in any professional organizations?
○ Yes (1)
O No (0)
Display This Question: If Are you currently a member of or participant in any professional organizations? = Yes
Q8 Please list your professional organization(s) below:
End of Block: Post-graduate plans
Start of Block: Additional Education - Current
Q9 Additional Education - Current Pursuits
Q10 You said you are <u>currently</u> 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 <u>highest</u> one.
Q11 What is the name of the school or post-graduate institution you are attending?

Q12 Please indicate the type of credential or degree that you are currently pursuing.
○ 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)
Cicense, Certification/Credential (please specify) (6)
Other (please specify) (7)
End of Block: Additional Education - Current
Start of Block: Additional Education - Previous
Q13 Additional Education - Previous Pursuits
Q14 You said you <u>previously</u> 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 <u>highest</u> 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.
○ 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)
Clicense, Certification/Credential (please specify) (6)
Other (please specify) (7)
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Q17 Did you earn/complete the credential or degree that you pursued?
○ Yes (1)
○ No (0)
End of Block: Additional Education - Previous
Start of Block: Current Employment
Q18 Current Employment
Q19 You said you are currently employed. Please provide some information about what you consider to be your <u>primary</u> employment.

220 What are the details of your primary employment?	
O Name of Employer (1)	_
O Job/Position Title (2)	
O Location - City (3)	
O Location - State (or country, if not US) (4)	
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Q21 which of the following best describes the sector of your primary employment?
O For-profit business (1)
O Educational institution (2)
O Government/military (3)
O Nonprofit organization (non-government) (4)
○ Self-employed (5)
Other (please specify) (6)
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the following describe your current primary occupation/occupational industry or elect all that apply)
Accommodation & Recreation (1)
Admin & Support Services (2)
Ag/Ag Tech/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)
Human Resources/Talent Acquisition/Recruitment (32)
Internet & Computer Systems (12)
K-12 Education (13)
Law and Legal Services (14)
Manufacturing (15)
Marketing/Communications/Social Media (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)
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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.												
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r	number of years in po	sition ()	-			=	 					
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Q24 How closely r	elated is your primary	job to your:										
	Highly related (4)	Moderately related (3)		Slig	htly (2	relat)	ed	١	Not a	at all (1		ated
undergraduate field of study/major? (1)	0	0		0			0					
career goals? (2)	0	\circ			(\bigcirc				(\bigcirc	
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Q23 How long have you been in your current position with your primary employer? Please drag

Q25 Was a bachelor's degree required to obtain your primary job?
○ Yes (1)
O No (0)
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Q26 How satisfied are you with your current primary job?
O Very satisfied (5)
○ Satisfied (4)
O Neutral (3)
O Dissatisfied (2)
○ Very dissatisfied (1)

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Q27 What is	your <u>individual</u>	annual	gross salar	y?
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- \$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)
- \$60,001 to \$65,000 (9)
- \$65,001 to \$70,000 (10)
- \$70,001 to \$80,000 (11)
- \$80,001 to \$90,000 (12)
- \$90,001 to \$100,000 (13)
- More than \$100,000 (14)
- O Prefer not to answer (-99)

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Q75 What is your work modality in your current primary job?

Definitions: On site refers to in person work at a location provided by your employer (e.g., office building). Off site refers to performing one's work online (i.e., using a computer or other device) from a location that is not provided by your employer (e.g., at home, coffee shop).

O In person: I always work on site. (1)
O Routine hybrid: I am sometimes scheduled to work on site and sometimes off site on a routine basis. (2)
O Flexible hybrid: I work primarily off site but I work on site intermittently as needed - OR - I work primarily on site but off site intermittently. (3)
Fully remote: my work is performed completely off site with little to no expectation that I work on site. (4)
End of Block: Current Employment
Start of Block: Satisfaction
Q29 Overall Satisfaction with UC Merced

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

	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. (Q30_1)	0	0	0	0	0
I would recommend UC Merced to a prospective undergraduate student, friend, or family member. (Q30_2)			0	0	0
The benefits I received from attending UC Merced were worth the financial costs to me and my family. (Q30_3)	0		0	0	0
The benefits I received from attending UC Merced were worth the time I invested. (Q30_4)					
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Q31 What did you like most about attending UC Merced as an undergraduate? Please sha any stories, memories, or experiences about your time at UC Merced.	are
Q32 We love to quote our graduates in UC Merced print and web materials. Please check box below if we have your permission to quote the text you shared above. Your name, may and class year would be shared along with your quote.	
Yes, UC Merced has my permission to quote me using the text I entered at what I liked most about UC Merced. (1)	oout
End of Block: Satisfaction	
Start of Block: UC Merced Experience	
Q33 Your UC Merced Experience	
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Q34 While att apply)	rending UC Merced, in which of the following did you get involved? (select all that
Health, St	Academic/professional/honor society or club (e.g., Psi Chi, Pharmacy Club, Pre udent Alumni Association) (1)
project, se	Community service/volunteer work (e.g., club-related, course-related, one-time emester-long initiative) (2)
	Employment <u>on</u> campus (3)
	Employment <u>off</u> 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)
(11)	Publications/media (e.g., Prodigy, Media Cats, Undergraduate Research Journal)
Program,	Recreational Sports (e.g., Intramural Sports, Fitness, Outdoor Experience 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., REUs, with faculty, UROC) (17)
(18)	Visual/performing arts (e.g., Dance Off, Soul'd Out Poetry Slam, Drag Show)
	Other (please specify) (19)
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Q35 While attending UC Merced, were you ever an officer of a student club or organization?

Yes (1)

O No (0)

End of Block: UC Merced Experience

Start of Block: Educational Outcomes

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**.

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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	0	0	0	0
An ability to speak clearly and effectively in English (Q37_2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
An ability to prepare and make a presentation (Q37_3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Analytical and critical thinking skills (Q37_4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quantitative (mathematical or statistical) skills (Q37_5)	0	\circ	0	0	0	0	0
Library research skills (Q37_6)	0	0	0	0	\circ	0	0
Other research skills (Q37_7)	0	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
An understanding of your specific field of study (Q37_8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
An ability to understand international	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	0	0

perspectives (e.g. economic, political, social, cultural) (Q37_9)							
An ability to acquire new skills and/or knowledge on your own (Q37_10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
An ability to appreciate the fine arts (e.g. painting, music, drama, dance) (Q37_11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
An ability to work with people from other cultures (Q37_12)	0	\circ	\circ	0	0	0	\circ
Interpersonal (social) skills (Q37_13)	0	\circ	0	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
An ability to work as a member of a team or group (Q37_14)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Self- awareness and understanding (Q37_15)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Q38 Please indicate your agreement with each statement below about your undergraduate educational experience <u>at UC Merced</u>.

	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	0	0	0	0	0		
I had at least one professor who made me excited about learning. (Q38_2)	0	0	0	0	0	0			
My professors cared about me as a person. (Q38_3)	0	0	0	0	0	0			
End of Block	k: Educati	onal Out	comes						
Start of Block: Volunteer Service									
Q39 Voluntee	er or Comn	nunity Se	ervice/Outrea	ch					

•	u voted in an election(s) since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC ect 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)
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Q41 Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced?			
O Yes, currently participating (2)			
O Yes, but not currently participating (1)			
O No (0)			
Display This Question:			
If Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining y = Yes, currently participating			
Or Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining y = Yes, but not currently participating			
Q42 Which of the options below best describes the volunteer or community service/outreach activities you are currently participating or have participated in since obtaining your undergraduate 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, mentorship, 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 y... = Yes, currently participating

Or Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining y... = Yes, but not currently participating

End of Block: Volunteer Service
End of Block: Volunteer Service
Start of Block: Alumni Engagement
Q44 UC Merced Alumni Engagement
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Q45 Are you currently employed by or attending UC Merced as a student?
○ Yes (1)
O No (0)
Display This Question: If Are you currently employed by or attending UC Merced as a student? = No

Q46 How many times in the <u>past year</u> have you:				
	0 times (0)	1-2 times (1)	3-5 times (2)	more than 5 times (3)
Visited campus? (1)	0	0	0	0
Attended a campus- sponsored or alumni event? (2)	0	0	0	0
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 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)	0	\circ	0	\circ
Connected with fellow alumni? (3)	0	\circ	0	\circ

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Q48 What kir	nd 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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Q49_a We would like to engage our alumni in activities that enrich the UC Merced student experience. Please select the activities listed below in which you would be interested in participating as well as whether you would like to participate on campus or online. Staff from UC Merced will follow up with you. (Select all that interest you.)

	On campus participation (1)	Online participation (2)
Panel discussion (e.g., career advice panel) (1)		
Mentoring a current student or alumna/us (2)		
School/Academic Program event (3)		
Job/career fair event (4)		
Alumni networking/social event (5)		
Campus performances/showcases (6)		
Opportunities to connect with UC Merced campus leadership (e.g., Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Deans, etc.) (7)		
Serve on the Alumni Association Board (8)		
Other (please specify) (9)		
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_	e select the on campus activities listed below in which you would be interested in and staff from UC Merced will follow up with you. (Select all that interest you.)			
	Commencement (1)			
	Athletic games and sporting events (2)			
	Homecoming (3)			
	Bobcat Day (4)			
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Q50_a Please select the regional activities in the area near where you live listed below in which you would be interested in participating and UC Merced staff will follow up with you. (Select all that interest you.)				
	Opportunities to connect with current and prospective UC Merced students (2)			
	Networking and social events (1)			
	Career, professional, or educational events (0)			
Vice Char	Opportunities to connect with UC Merced campus leadership (e.g., Chancellor, ncellors, Deans, etc.) (3)			
	Other (please specify) (4)			
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Q51 Do you work for a company or organization that currently provides or may be willing to provide internships or other opportunities to UC Merced students/alumni?
○ Yes (1)
O No/Not sure (0)
Display This Question:
If Do you work for a company or organization that currently provides or may be willing to provide in = Yes
Q52 Please provide the contact information for your company/organization's hiring department so that UC Merced staff can contact them.
O Company/Organization Name (1)
O Hiring Manager/Department Contact Name (2)
Hiring Manager/Department Contact Email address (3)
O Hiring Manager/Department Contact Phone number (4)
End of Block: Alumni Engagement
Start of Block: Closing Comments
Q53 Closing Comments
Q54 Please use the space below to share any other comments you have about UC Merced.

Q74 What advice would you give, if any, to current UC Merced students?
End of Block: Closing Comments
Start of Block: Demographic
Q55 Personal/Background Information
X
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.)
○ Yes (1)
O No (0)
Display This Question: If Are you legally married to a fellow UC Merced student or alumnus/alumna? (This information helps = Yes
Q57 Please provide your spouse's name.
○ First Name (1)
Cast Name (when s/he attended UC Merced) (2)
End of Block: Demographic
Start of Block: Last Page

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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! After submitting your responses you will be redirected to the Alumni Relations webpage where you can learn about how to stay engaged as an alum if you wish to do so. Please click Submit to submit your survey responses. **End of Block: Last Page** Start of Block: NoConsent Q67 You have indicated that you do not wish to participate in the UC Merced Undergraduate Alumni Journey Survey. Please click "End" below to end your survey session and be opted out of receiving additional communications about this survey at the email address in which you received this invitation email. Note that we are contacting alumni at up to two email addresses, so you may need to opt out of receiving future contacts about the survey at another email address. To opt out, click the opt out link at the bottom of your survey invitation email. If you decide later that you'd like to participate or have any questions, please contact Cinnamon Danube (cdanube@ucmerced.edu).

End of Block: NoConsent