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UC IRVINE | SCHOOL *of* SOCIAL SCIENCES



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Twenty–first century America is international. Territorial boundaries matter, but movements across them and new relationships that jump scales mean the nation is now always a global affair. To understand and to impact the United States' place in the world, along with its changing politics, economy and society, we need a deeper understanding of international affairs, comparative politics, cultural differences and global social movements.

UC Irvine is uniquely situated at the crossroads of significant global change, with the largest concentrations of many immigrant groups in the U.S. living within just 15 miles of campus. Transnational family ties as well as political passions link the Irvine campus to the Middle East, central Asia, southeast Asia and elsewhere.

The social sciences are adapting to this changing geography of political power, personal and group identity and social networks by delving into the causes and consequences of social problems and change in a context of ever–increasing human diversity.

the global citizen

international research, education, impact

The school hosts award-winning programs in intercultural dialogue that promote international awareness and support global and cross-cultural research. These include the Center for Citizen Peacebuilding, Olive Tree Initiative (which has been touted as a model nationally and internationally for fostering intercultural dialogue), and Global Connect (which brings globally relevant knowledge into local high school classrooms). The school also houses the major in international studies, the Institute for International, Global and Regional Studies, the Center for Asian Studies, the Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-funded Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion, whose research has been featured in *Bloomberg Businessweek* and the *Economist*. The Tierney Chair in Peace Studies has just been filled, and in 2013-14, the Heinz Chair in Peace Economics will be filled. This is an unusually high degree of international educational and research activity.

UC Irvine is home to the on-going Immigration and Intergenerational Mobility in Metropolitan Los Angeles study which has found that grandchildren of immigrants are much more integrated into American society than many researchers had predicted. The study is unique in actually quantifying the positive effect on child educational outcomes if their immigrant parents have authorized – as opposed to unauthorized – status.



the need:

Fundraising activities in this area include undergraduate and graduate scholarships and fellowships and faculty research grants, as well as named chairs in development studies, financial inclusion, international and cross-cultural communication and American minority politics.

The university is poised to achieve the status of being a "Hispanic Serving Institution," a designation of Title III of the federal Higher Education Act for colleges and universities that reach 25% Hispanic full-time undergraduate enrollment. UCI is currently designated an "Emerging HSI," with around 21% Hispanic enrollment. With its Chicano/Latino studies department, the School of Social Sciences can help UCI achieve this goal (which comes with the potential for significant federal support).

The School's 21st Century America Scholars Program provides funds for visiting researchers and policy makers who are exploring the changing political and demographic makeup of American society. This program is an area of opportunity for donor support.



featured program: global connect



Global Connect is a high school curriculum program developed by UCI faculty and students who team-teach issue-focused lesson plans alongside high school educators in the Newport-Mesa and Saddleback Valley school districts. Topics include climate change, terrorism, mass media and technology in a global society - areas not covered under current state education standards but topics in which UCI researchers excel. The real-time course content reflects the continually changing world landscape while bringing new and updated university research directly to high school teachers. The year-long curriculum is a University of California regent-approved "a-g" elective.

Launched in 2001, the program has reached more than 8,000 OC high school students. More than 400 UCI undergraduate and graduate interns have helped develop and teach course content, and two-thirds of the undergraduates have gone on to attend graduate school or become educators. Six former interns have received Fulbright scholarships.

population & public policy

census data center

center for economics & public policy

In 2013–14, the U.S. Census will establish a Census Regional Data Center at UC Irvine in the School of Social Sciences. This is the result of a long process of negotiation and recognition of the ground-breaking population and policy research taking place at UCI. The Census Data Center requires the outlay of capital resources to comply with the Census Administration's rigorous requirements for data and facility security. The costs are being born by the school with some support from the campus.

The school has three interrelated centers of excellence in economic policy and population science: the Center for Economics and Public Policy, and the two centers involved in population research – the Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy, and the Center for Demographic and Social Analysis. The establishment of the Census Data Center provides an opportunity to spotlight the policy-relevant research taking place at UC Irvine between our departments of economics, sociology and political science, and across campus with the schools of education, social ecology and The Paul Merage School of Business.

the need:

Social sciences is shouldering the burden of providing research infrastructure in population science. There are opportunities for individual, corporate and foundation support for these facilities through the endowment and naming of research centers. There are also opportunities for faculty and graduate fellowships. The minimum endowment for a named chair is \$1 million and \$300,000 for graduate fellowships. We would be delighted to discuss the naming and endowment of a research center with potential benefactors. Our highly successful master's program in demographic and social analysis can be expanded with additional donor support to provide fellowships and internships. Our master's in public policy program, shared with the School of Social Ecology, provides similar opportunities.



uc irvine | school of social sciences

The School of Social Sciences at UC Irvine has achieved national prominence and top rankings for its outside-the-box methodological and theoretical advances. The school maintains a tradition of excellence in building robust measures, innovative models and powerful methodologies for understanding the human condition in a diverse and digital age.

Almost 50 years ago, the school's founders had a vision to bring together scholars whose different approaches—from quantitative to qualitative, formal to interpretative—tackled fundamental research questions and pressing social problems.

Today, UC Irvine social sciences is forging connections to computer science, engineering, the arts and the humanities. Interdisciplinary connections to law, medicine and environmental science help researchers and policy makers understand the social, cultural and psychological factors impacting regulation and policy adoption, health and human behavior. Social scientists at UC Irvine explore how human and environmental interaction impact climate, energy and ecology.

The School of Social Sciences is big—the largest academic unit on campus, it has over 5,000 students and awards 40% of all UCI degrees each year. It houses some of the most popular majors on campus, including psychology, business economics and international studies. It enhances undergraduate education with hands-on experience in labs, seminars and award-winning programs like Mock Trial, Global Connect and the Summer Academic Enrichment Program.

The school is intellectually diverse, with six doctoral programs ranging from logic and philosophy of science, ranked number one in the field, to economics, recognized for its impactful scholarship. These departments, like the others, boast members of prestigious national academies on the faculty.

Multidisciplinary in scope and open to unexpected explorations—from cognitive robotics to social computing and behavioral economics—research in social sciences at UCI encompasses all of humanity's increasing diversity and makes a difference in our everyday lives.

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