

Welcome to the first edition of UC Pulse, a monthly email with news from across the University of California system. In future editions, we'll bring you timely snapshots of how UC's research, community and partnerships are shaping the issues that matter, from public health and tech innovation to economic growth and national security. We hope UC Pulse becomes a go-to resource in your work.

Did you know that more than two-thirds of the 61,000 students who earned their bachelor's degrees from UC this spring graduated with no student debt? In total, 84,000 students joined our class of 2025 - so what comes next? [We're spotlighting a few of their journeys](#) and the paths they're taking after UC.

As we settle into the summer months, our campuses and sites are still busy with educational and community programming. From [Astro Night](#) at UC Berkeley to UC Irvine's [New Swan Shakespeare Festival](#) to the UC Santa Cruz [Center for Agroecology's Farmstand](#), UC continues to deliver on its mission of teaching, research and public service, even when school's out for the summer.

These spotlights remind us that the University's impact doesn't pause, and neither should our investment in the future. That's why I'm excited to tell you about [Speak Up for Science](#), our new campaign to rally support for strong, sustained investments in the federal science agencies. We recently [released a short video](#) highlighting how UC is driving progress in California and across the nation. I hope you'll take a moment to watch it and consider sharing it. This is an urgent effort: [China is on track](#) to surpass the U.S. in R&D funding by 2027, and together we need to continue to keep California and the nation at the forefront of scientific and technological advancements.

- **Chris Harrington**, UC Associate Vice President, Federal Governmental Relations

What We're Watching

1.

The top 50 companies hiring UC alumni

What do Disney, Apple, Google, Genentech, Lockheed Martin, Salesforce and Boeing all have in common? Besides being global brands that drive innovation and economic growth, [they are among the top employers of UC alumni](#).

2.

To study cancer 'kill switch,' UC San Diego scientists will send stem cells to space

With support from NASA and others, a new [cancer treatment will undergo testing in outer space](#) this spring - as researchers prepare to launch a clinical trial of the drug on Earth.

3.

How AI can help us make new medicines faster

Federally-funded research has [America on the cusp of a new dawn in pharmaceuticals](#), offering hope for curing the most heartbreaking diseases.

4.

Heart valve developed at UC Irvine shines in early-stage preclinical testing

Researchers have successfully performed preclinical laboratory testing of a replacement heart valve for [toddlers and young children with congenital cardiac defects](#). The work was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

5.

Training the future quantum science workforce

With support from the U.S. Department of Energy's RENEW initiative, UC Merced - in collaboration with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory - [launched a new program](#) to train students in quantum information science and technology.

Did You Know?

UC is [California's 2nd largest employer](#), with nearly 200K employees, including faculty, staff, medical personnel and more.

UC Health serves [10.8 million outpatients](#) a year, making it an essential part of California's health care safety net.

UC's research enterprise is one of the world's largest, with [6,821 active U.S. patents](#), more than any other university in the world.

From Coast to Capitol

HireUC Alumni Career Summit

Fresno, California | August 21, 2025

The HireUC Alumni Career Summit, in partnership with Hire Talent, is a hiring event organized for UC alumni looking for early-and mid-level career opportunities.

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