

Earlier this month, the University of California welcomed its 22nd president, [James B. Milliken](#). A distinguished higher education leader with more than 30 years of experience. At UC, Milliken will chart the course for the country's top public university, overseeing the system's 10 campuses, six health centers, three national labs, 42 natural reserves, 230,000 faculty and staff, and 299,000 students.

Recent actions by the federal government to [suspend](#) hundreds of millions in federal research grants from UCLA, followed up by a [proposed settlement](#) for \$1 billion, stand to devastate the entire UC system and hinder our ability to carry out the essential work we do in education, research and health care across California and the nation. And yet, UC's broad impact remains clear: Public investment in UC drives scientific breakthroughs, [contributes to the safety of our nation](#), fuels the economy and expands opportunity for Californians.

[Fall 2025 admissions data](#) helps drive that point home: UC admitted its largest class of first-year students ever for fall 2025, increasing admissions offers to California first-year students by 7%. Some 101K California first-years got in, along with 27K transfer students from California community colleges. With the UC application now open for fall 2026, the numbers are good news for California students with college on the horizon.

As you wrap up recess and begin planning for the fall, please keep in mind that we would be glad to host congressional members and staff at our campuses, Agriculture and Natural Resources sites, and other UC locations. Don't hesitate to reach out if you're interested in scheduling a visit. Meanwhile, here in D.C., we're preparing to participate in the annual Rally for Medical Research on Sept. 18 in support of National Institutes of Health funding, as well as continuing our advocacy for [UC's FY 2026 appropriations priorities](#).

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

1.

7 world-changing UC innovations that emerged from federal research funding

From transforming medical care to developing the Internet and authoring the building blocks of AI, [government-funded UC research](#) has fundamentally shaped our lives.

2.

8 UC San Diego Breakthroughs Powering a Safer, Stronger Nation

A patient survives surgery that once carried high risks. A wildfire is stopped before it reaches a neighborhood. A building stands firm when the ground shakes. A fighter pilot safely returns home. [These breakthroughs](#) are made possible by federally supported university research.

3.

Semiconductors get a magnetic boost

A new method for [combining magnetic elements with semiconductors](#) was unveiled by a California NanoSystems Institute research team at UCLA. The study was funded in part by the Office of Naval Research and the National Science Foundation.

4.

UC's CalFresh Healthy Living programs promote healthy habits for older adults

As a partner in California's version of the SNAP-Ed program, UC is helping bring nutrition education and wellness support to people eligible for the federal program through [tailored local services](#) in communities [across the state](#).

5.

"Miracle" medicine, based in federally funded science, arrived just in time

Millions of people are alive today because of [leukemia therapies](#) that arose from UCLA research, including retired Army Major Melvin Mann.

Did You Know?

UC's fiscal impact includes [\\$82 billion in overall economic activity](#).

UC activities support [half a million jobs](#) in California, or one in every 45.

UC averages [4 new inventions every day](#).

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