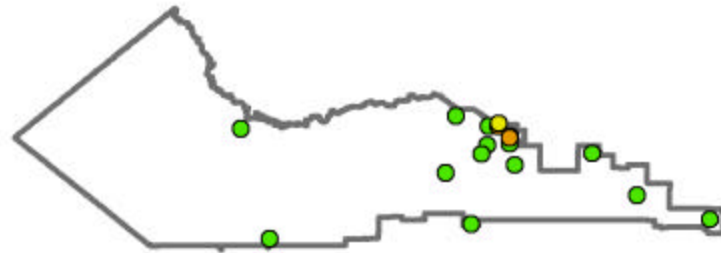


## UC in Your District

The University of California's reach goes well beyond its 10 campuses, five medical centers and three national laboratories. The University's presence is felt in each of California's 58 counties through a wide array of exemplary community partnerships, enriching cultural resources and innovative research programs. From health-care education for rural physicians to agricultural research advice for local farmers to college preparation efforts in nearly every public school, UC has a direct influence in your community. Find out more about UC programs in your district by visiting:

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### UC IN THE VALLEY: UC CENTER, FRESNO

For more than a century, UC has contributed greatly to the San Joaquin Valley, its people and the local economy. UC currently has nearly **40 offices and facilities in the region and its Merced campus will open in 2004.** The **UC Center, Fresno** was established in 1997 to serve the educational needs of San Joaquin Valley residents. The site gathers many of the region's UC programs into one centralized facility. Services such as undergraduate admissions workshops, summer courses for UC students, teacher training and more are offered at the center year-round. **The UC Center, Fresno, is one of three educational and outreach centers in the Valley operated by UC Merced.**



### UCSF FRESNO MEDICAL CARE

**The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program** gives Central Valley residents access to the **highest quality health care services while training the region's next generation of resident physicians.** The center has developed an innovative model for training doctors and providing health services through "telemedicine" in remote rural areas. **The program has graduated more than 2,000 physicians and at least half of them stay in the Central Valley to practice.** As an academic teaching hospital affiliated with the UCLA, UCSD and UCI Schools of Medicine, **Kern Medical Center** in Bakersfield also trains more than 100 residents each year.



### VA CENTRAL CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

**The VA Central California Health Care System is an affiliate of the UC San Francisco Medical Center,** and provides a full range of medical care to **thousands of veterans** in the region at the **Fresno VA Medical Center.**

**The UC Latino Center for Medical Education and Research** addresses the **persistent shortage of Latino physicians in the Central Valley**. The center runs programs to attract current Latino medical students to residency training programs in the Central Valley and encourages physicians to study health care issues of importance to **Latinos in the Fresno area**. **The center also helps underrepresented students gain admittance to medical school**. **The UCSF's Doctor's Academy at Sunnyside High in Fresno**, increases the number of underrepresented students who go on to become competitive applicants to medical schools through accelerated classes, counseling and visits to medical schools.



**The Puente Project** runs programs at 51 community colleges and 35 high schools throughout California to increase the enrollment and retention of educationally underserved students in four-year universities. **Puente**

**works at schools throughout the Central Valley, including Roosevelt Senior High in District 31 and CSU Fresno.**

<http://www.puente.net>

**UC Merced's Office of Admissions/Relations with Schools and Colleges** prepares students for admission to UC by providing counseling, advising and college prep services to students, parents, educators and the community at large. The office sponsors a wide range of workshops, programs and advising services for 144 high schools and 11 community colleges in 13 Central Valley counties. [www.ucmerced.edu](http://www.ucmerced.edu)

A system-wide multi-campus research unit, **the Center for Water and Wildland Resources** coordinates research on water conservation and management. One such project, the **UC Salinity/Drainage Program** addresses issues of salinity, drainage and toxic trace elements in the San Joaquin Valley.

<http://www.waterresources.ucr.edu/>

**The California Policy Research Center (CPRC)** applies UC's research expertise to the analysis, development and implementation of state and federal policy. CPRC hosts projects such as the Welfare Policy Research Project (WPRP), the California Program on Access to Care (CPAC), the Latino Policy Institute and the California-Mexico Health Initiative (CMHI). <http://www.ucop.edu/cprc/>

**UC Cooperative Extension advisors in the Fresno office** work with farmers and families in English, Spanish and other languages to promote farm safety, enhance water quality, improve nutrition and health, and teach youth leadership skills through **4-H**. **Kearney Agricultural Research & Extension Center in Parlier** grows over 45 different crops and serves 100 scientists conducting research projects. <http://ucanr.org>



**UC's MESA (Mathematics, Engineering & Science Achievement)** works to prepare educationally disadvantaged students for four-year colleges at **several K-12 schools in Fresno**. **The MESA California Community College Program** increases the number of math and science

majors who successfully transfer and receive degrees from 4-year universities and works with **CSU Fresno**. **MESA Success Through Collaboration (STC)** works with American Indian tribes to meet the same goal with respect to Native Americans. <http://mesa.ucop.edu>

**UCSF's Summer Biomedical Research Internship Program** introduces Central San Joaquin Valley high school juniors to careers in medicine and biomedical research. Students work with UCSF Fresno faculty on a variety of research projects ranging from surgery reconstruction to public health. In addition, students visit UCSF and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, observe surgeries and tour UC Medical Center's level-one trauma and emergency departments.

**UC's College Prep Initiative (UCCP)** provides online college prep courses to high school students by offering access to online prep courses to schools that otherwise could not provide advanced placement curriculums. UCCP currently serves about 1,200 students - many in rural and remote areas of the **Central Valley**. [www.uccp.org](http://www.uccp.org)

**The CSU/UC Joint Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership** trains future educational leaders residing in the Central San Joaquin Valley and is jointly administered by UC and CSU Fresno. <http://jdpel.csufresno.edu/>

**The Fresno Asthmatic Children's Environment Study** is a research project of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health (SPH) that measures the effects of Central Valley air pollution on children with asthma. <http://facesstudy.com/>



**The FARMS** program aims to empower high school students about their futures through experiential learning and exposure to educational and career choices - all centered on agriculture and the environment. UC is a participating partner at multiple high schools in **Fresno and Orosi High School in District 31**. [www.farmsleaders.org](http://www.farmsleaders.org)

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