The University of California invites nominations and applications for the position of Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside campus.

The Chancellor is the chief executive officer of the University of California, Riverside (UCR), and is responsible to the President. Within the scope of University policy, the Chancellor exercises broad authority over and is responsible for all aspects of campus administration.

The University of California, Riverside, the fifth of the ten UC campuses, is a research university with a tradition of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service to the community. With its roots in the 100-year-old Citrus Experiment Station, it was founded as a university in 1954 and has a strong heritage as a land grant institution. The campus’ history of research includes an unbroken string of high-impact scientific innovations from saving crops to pioneering genomics to discoveries in the far reaches of the universe. As the only public research university in the rapidly growing Inland Southern California region, UCR is situated in a living laboratory for the exploration of issues critical to growing communities – air, water, energy, transportation, health, public policy, the arts, history, and culture. Yet UCR’s impact extends nationally and internationally, with alliances throughout Asia, Mexico, South America, and Europe.

The campus has a culture of supportive and engaged faculty, and recently made a major investment in programs to enhance student success. UCR strives to give every student the support to explore, engage, imagine, and excel. In fall 2012, UCR enrolled 18,539 undergraduates for a total enrollment of 21,005. The campus projects annual enrollment of 25,000 students by 2020. UCR offers Bachelor degree programs in 80 majors, 46 Master’s degree programs, 38 Ph.D. programs, and 17 state-approved teaching credentials. Academic units include the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences; the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences; the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering; the School of Business Administration; and the Graduate School of Education. University Extension offers continuing education to the community as well as English instruction to thousands of international students each year. A new school of Public Policy is being launched, and expects to admit its first class of Master’s students in fall 2014. Its focus will be on policy related to the environment, immigration/population, health, and higher education, with a special emphasis on diversity and access. Additionally the
new School of Medicine recently received preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and has begun recruiting for its charter class entering in August 2013. The foundation of the medical school is an existing program in which UCR offers the first two years of medical education to students who then transfer to UCLA for completion of the M.D. In the new, four-year UCR School of Medicine, that program will evolve to provide a pathway for admission to eligible UCR graduates.

In addition to the main Riverside campus, the university operates the UCR Palm Desert Center, a facility that provides educational programs, research, and outreach to meet the needs of the greater Coachella Valley region. Another asset, located in downtown Riverside, is the UCR ARTSblock, which includes Barbara and Art Culver Center of the Arts, the Sweeney Art Gallery, and the California Museum of Photography. UC Riverside also administers six major research reserves: The Box Springs Reserve (160 acres), The James San Jacinto Mountains Reserve (29 acres); The Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center (9,000 acres); The Phillip L. Boyd Deep Canyon Desert Research Center (6,100 acres); Emerson Oaks Reserve (241 acres), and The Motte Rimrock Reserve (715 acres).

UCR faculty are national and international leaders in their fields, with a commitment to inspire students to reach their goals. UCR’s 650 ladder faculty members include senior-level innovators and emerging stars: seven current and former faculty members have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, more than 50 UCR faculty members have received Guggenheim Fellowships for distinguished achievement and exceptional promise, two have been named fellows by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and more than 110 faculty members were elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in the last decade. This year the Washington Monthly College Survey ranked UCR 9th overall among national universities in terms of contributing to the public good, and 1st in the nation in student service participation. U. S. News & World 2013 Best Colleges Report ranked UCR among the top 50 public research universities nationwide and 24th among “best value schools.” UCR was tied for 8th in the nation on diversity, with the highest minority student ratio in the UC system and second best in the state after Stanford. In 2007, UCR became eligible as an Hispanic Serving Institution. UCR is the home of the Highlanders. The proud history of Highlander athletics dates back to the university's inception in 1954. Today, UC Riverside’s Intercollegiate Athletics program features 17 sports competing at the NCAA Division I level in the Big West Conference.

The campus is guided by its strategic plan, UCR 2020: The Path to Preeminence, which was endorsed by the UC Board of Regents in September 2010. The plan provides the basis for UCR’s first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, for which the silent phase was recently launched. A preliminary campaign goal has been established at $400 million, with an end date of no later than 2019. UC Riverside is Inland Southern California’s only public research university. Its annual economic contribution to the state of California is more than $1.4 billion (FY 2009-10) through research, teaching and community engagement. UCR is the largest employer in the City of Riverside and the fourth largest employer in the county. Spending by UCR, its students, visitors and retirees generates more than 13,300 full-time jobs statewide and 16,335 nationwide.
UCR’s executive, management, professional, support and clerical staff are dedicated to supporting the campus’ aspirations and creating and sustaining a campus environment in which teaching, research and public service can thrive. Many staff members also commit their time and talents to campus service beyond their job responsibilities and to service in the community.

Qualified candidates should have demonstrated leadership skills in a rigorous and complex academic and research environment and be able to plan and execute for the continued growth of UCR, with a strong emphasis on diversity. They must have a strong commitment to and record of teaching, research, service, and scholarship. The ideal candidate must have a clear vision of the future of higher education and how it will impact this particular campus; a clear understanding and appreciation for shared governance; a proven record of generating financial resources and evidence of an ability to establish and maintain constructive linkages with external constituents and alumni.

The University of California has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist with this search. Confidential inquiries, nominations, referrals and resumes with cover letter should be sent in confidence to: David Bellshaw and/or Bernard Jones, Isaacson, Miller, 1000 Sansome Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94111, Email: ucrchancellor@imsearch.com. Email submission of application material is strongly encouraged.

*University of California, Riverside is committed to cultural diversity and it is expected that the successful candidate will further this commitment. The University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.*