

YOUR NEXT STEPS TO ENROLLMENT

First-Year student dates and deadlines for fall 2025.



This checklist is a companion to the full Next Steps to Enrollment website for first-years, so this page may not include all the details or all the checklist items, but only the most vital and required items. We'd recommend downloading this interactive checklist so that you can check the boxes and remember which items you have completed.

admissions.ucr.edu/nextsteps

Download these calendar files so you can add these deadlines to your personal calendar!

First Year: admissions.ucr.edu/FYcalendar

International Students and Military-Affiliated Students should reference the full Next Steps sites for specific items they need to complete leading up to fall.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

- Submit Your Statement of Intent to Register on my.ucr.edu.**
First Years: May 1

my.ucr.edu

MARCH

- Complete Your FAFSA or Dream Act Application**
Make sure to include our school code **001316** on all forms!
Priority deadline: March 3

studentaid.gov/fafsa
csac.ca.gov/california-dream-act

- Apply to University Honors**
If you've been sent an invitation email, first year students have until March 17 to submit their application.

APRIL

- Register for Orientation**
Our mandatory Highlander Orientation takes place during July and August, so as soon as you submit your SIR, you should visit orientation.ucr.edu to sign up for a date.
International students have a special orientation in September.

orientation.ucr.edu
international.ucr.edu/students/orientation

- Submit Your Housing Contract**
If you'd like to live on campus, these contracts become available starting April 1 and if you submit it by **May 10** you receive priority access to room selection!

housing.ucr.edu

- Attend Highlander Day**
Come to Highlander Day, UCR's in-person open house for admitted students and their families on **April 12, 2025**. Register at highlanderday.ucr.edu.

highlanderday.ucr.edu

- Provide Vaccination Records**
To avoid any holds on your class registration, submit all necessary immunization and vaccination records to your patient portal.

chconline.ucr.edu

MAY

- Complete the Writing Placement Process (WPP)**
If you haven't satisfied the UC Entry-Level Writing Requirement by **May 1**, you'll likely need to complete the WPP. Learn more about how to take the exam! uwp.ucr.edu/elwr
- Submit Your Statement of Legal Residence**
While not due until **August 1**, now is a great time to submit this form. If you're a California resident and want to be charged in-state tuition, learn more at registrar.ucr.edu
- Take the Mathematics Advisory Exam (MAE)**
If your major requires it, you may have to take the MAE in order to be placed in the appropriate classes. If required, it's due by the end of June. and you can check your major at arc.ucr.edu/mae. arc.ucr.edu/mae

JUNE

- Submit Financial Aid Documents**
If you've applied for aid already but Financial Aid has requested any documents or supplemental information, the priority deadline to submit is **June 1**. financialaid.ucr.edu
- Upload Your R'Card Photo**
In order to get your identification card, you'll need to request your card and upload a photo starting **June 1**. If you plan on living on campus, this should be completed by Sept. 8 to have your card in time for move-in. ucrcard.ucr.edu/students
- Waive Health Insurance (if needed)**
If you already have health insurance coverage, you can waive the coverage provided by the university. studenthealth.ucr.edu/insurance

JULY

- Submit Official Academic Documents**
All official high school or college transcripts are due by **July 1**. All official exam scores are due **July 15**.
- Attend Orientation**
Orientation sessions begin in July for first-year students and attending is mandatory! Make sure you don't forget! orientation.ucr.edu

AUGUST

- Submit Your Statement of Legal Residency**
While you may have already done this, the actual deadline to submit this documentation is **August 1**. If you're a California resident and want to be charged in-state tuition, learn more at registrar.ucr.edu. registrar.ucr.edu

SEPTEMBER

- Fees are Due!**
Your fees for fall are due **Monday, Sept. 15**. If you don't pay on-time, you may have to pay late fees and potentially lose class enrollment! Online payments are due by 4 p.m. and in-person payments are due by 3 p.m.

CLASSES BEGIN!

- Classes begin on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2025. You made it and welcome to the Highlander family!**