Educational, Cultural, and Social Support for American Indian Scholars

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT PROGRAMS

UC RIVERSIDE
NASP WILL SUPPORT ALL YOUR ASPIRATIONS

SUCCEED ACADEMICALLY:

- A caring network of staff, mentors, and student peers who welcome questions
- Academic counseling, tutoring, and referrals
- Employment and internship leads
- Financial aid and scholarship assistance
- Computers and printers
- Counseling for personal needs
- Educational and tribal information
- Intertribal Connect Peer Mentorship program (I-Connect)
- Outreach opportunities to prospective UCR American Indian students
- Student-led programs and events

CONNECT WITH YOUR NETWORK:

- The American Indian Counselors & Recruiters Association (AICRA)
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
- Graduate American Indian Alliance (GAIA)
- Inter-Tribal Education Collaborative (ITEC)
- The Native American Education Program
- Native American Honor Society (NAHS)
- Native American Student Association (NASA)
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- UCR American Indian Alumni Association
UCR IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF SEVERAL NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

LOCAL TRIBES INCLUDE:

- Acjachemen
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Barona Band of Mission Indians
- Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
- Cahuilla Band of Indians
- Campo Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Chemehevi Indian Tribe
- Chumash
- Colorado Indian Tribes
- Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Gabrielino-Tongva
- Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
- Inaja Indian Reservation
- Jamul Indian Village
- Laguna Band of Kwaaymii Indians
- La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- La Posta Indian Reservation
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians
- Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
- Quechan
- Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- San Pasqual Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
- Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Torres-Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

There are many other recognized and unrecognized tribes represented in Southern California.

NASP’s office is located in Costo Hall, which is named after local Native American scholars/activists, Rupert Costa (Cahuilla) and Jeannette Henry Costa (Cherokee). We thank the Costos for everything they’ve done to empower and educate our community.
UC FIRSTS: LEADING THE WAY

NASP was formed in 1980, making UCR the first University of California campus to open an office with a full-time staff dedicated to Indigenous student support. We’re also the first (and only) UC to offer a Native American history Ph.D., and has the first American Indian chair endowment in the world! Another first? In winter 2019, UCR offered CAH001, an introductory course to the Cahuilla language, a local Native American tribal language — becoming the first UC to offer an Indigenous language series that fulfills graduation language requirements to all students. This series is especially important because our campus is situated on the traditional lands of the Cahuilla people.

Since NASP was established, UCR has enjoyed continued growth in the number of native students on campus, as well as educational enrichment from our vibrant cultural events and presentations.

Our history is strong and our future is promising — just like the students we serve!

THE NASP OFFICE IS AN ON-CAMPUS HANGOUT AND RESOURCE CENTER THAT WILL UNITE YOU WITH OTHER INDIGENOUS STUDENTS.

We are a circle of staff, faculty, students, and friends of Native Americans who are here to help you achieve your college and career goals, celebrate your heritage, and enjoy life at UC Riverside (UCR).

UC FIRSTS: LEADING THE WAY

CLIFF BUTTON
(Shoshone Bannock Tribes)
FOURTH-YEAR, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

“As a first-generation college student, I didn’t know what to expect when I first started. NASP helped me to connect with my peers and other Natives studying in the STEM fields — many of whom are now my friends. I always feel welcomed here and am grateful for the NASP community.”

ALONDRA GARCIA
(Ohlone)
FOURTH-YEAR, NEUROSCIENCE & MINOR IN ETHNIC STUDIES

“NASP has become a home away from home; a place where I was able to find like-minded people and friends who I now consider family.”
Located in sunny Riverside, California—just a 60 minute drive to Los Angeles, Big Bear, Palm Springs, and Huntington Beach.

One of only 10 campuses within the prestigious UC system.

Serving more than 23,000 students from over 80 countries.

UCR is distinguished in many national and international rankings:

- **UCR is one of the 10 best colleges in California.** (Money Magazine, 2020)
- **UCR is 42nd most innovative school in the nation.**
- **UCR ranks 14th in public universities that provide students the highest average salaries for their tuition dollars.** (CNBC Make It, 2020)
- **90% of UCR undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid.** (UCR Financial Aid, 2019-20)
- **UC Riverside is an ethnically diverse research university and holds the distinction of being an Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander serving institution (AANAPISI).**
- **UCR has over 15 native/indigenous faculty members.**

We at UCR would like to respectfully acknowledge and recognize our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water, and air: the Cahuilla [ka-wee-ahh], Tongva [tong-va], Luiseño [loo-say-ngo], and Serrano [se-ran-oh] peoples and all of their ancestors and descendants, past, present, and future. Today this meeting place is home to many Indigenous peoples from all over the world, including UCR faculty, students, and staff, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these homelands.

Native-specific resources at UCR:

- The California Center for Native Nations
- Chancellor’s Native American Advisory Committee
- Indigenous Choreographers at Riverside
- Native American Studies (major and minor programs)
- The Rupert Costo Endowment Chair
- The Rupert Costo Library of the American Indian
- Ph.D. programs focus on American Indians through the Ethnic Studies, History, Dance, and English Departments.

General student support services at UCR:

- Academic Support
- Athletic Programs
- Basic Needs
- Career Services
- Counseling
- Ethnic and Gender Programs
- Financial Aid
- First-Year Programs
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Housing
- Peer Mentoring
- Student Disability Resources
- Student Organizations
- Study Abroad
- Veterans Services
There’s always something happening at NASP, and you’re always invited! Check out some of our most popular annual events:

- Annual Healing the Earth Conference
- Annual Medicine Ways Conference
- Annual Spirit of the Tribes 5K Run/Walk
- Annual UCR Pow Wow
- Ethnic & Gender Office Unity Hours
- Film Screenings & Discussions
- Intertribal Connect Peer Mentor Program
- NASP Lecture Series
- NASP Nooner
- Native American Graduation Banquet
- Native Community Welcome
- Native Jam Night
- Rupert Costo Lecture Series

CURRENT STUDENTS

GET INVOLVED

ROSEANNE CARMEN ROSENTHAL
(TEWA, MESCALERO APACHE)

Second-Year Ph.D. Candidate
in Medical Anthropology

“Because of my involvement with NASP I was able to reconnect with my native culture and gain community support, allowing me to thrive in a challenging environment and achieving my goal of continuing my education through a Ph.D. program here at UCR.”

MADISON GARCIA
(KUMEYAAAY)

Fourth-Year, Native American Studies

“NASP has continuously given me a place of community and support. It has provided me access to resources and opportunities through the last three years which has been extremely helpful through my academic career. I couldn’t do it without NASP!”
Change the world with a UCR education. Make lifelong connections at a diverse and inclusive campus with focused support for native students. Discover academic, cultural, and social opportunities.

YOU’RE ALWAYS INVITED:

- College Exploration Day
- Community College Day
- Gathering of the Tribes

Let NASP help you apply to UCR, find scholarships, and navigate the financial aid process.

CONTACT US ANYTIME AT NASP@UCR.EDU OR (951) 827-3850.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

It takes a circle of friends, alumni, and community partners to encourage students. Support a future generation of young native leaders by supporting NASP.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DONATING YOUR TIME, FUNDS, OR SHARED KNOWLEDGE: NASP.UCR.EDU/ALUMNI