STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

WITH ITS SIZE AND SCOPE, UCLA plays a pivotal role in the fortunes of the city it calls home, as well as the Golden State as a whole. In the latest in an ongoing series of analyses, the university commissioned one of California’s leading consultants, Beacon Economics, to assess UCLA’s economic, fiscal and social impact during the 2016–17 fiscal year.

“UCLA is a source of pride for Angelenos everywhere. The university’s impact can be felt all around us — in the workers it employs, the jobs it creates across our city and state, the startups it develops on campus, and the discoveries made in its labs and classrooms. Our economy and our communities benefit from UCLA’s presence and performance every day.” — Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles Mayor

ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT 2018

“UCLA’s contributions to our state’s economic vitality are significant and widespread, from discovering life-changing technologies to employing tens of thousands of Californians. Measuring this economic impact allows us to demonstrate how every dollar invested in UCLA pays substantial dividends back to people throughout our state.” — Gene Block, UCLA Chancellor

ECONOMIC ENGINE

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TAX GENERATOR

In addition to economic impacts, UCLA also had fiscal impacts on the economy (sales taxes, property taxes and other taxes). The university generated an estimated $956.4 million in tax revenue for California, more than $284 million in the region and more than $67 million within Los Angeles. In addition, UCLA paid just under $19 million in direct taxes through vendor and government receipts during the 2016–17 fiscal year.

SUCCESS / GRADUATION RATES

UCLA STUDENTS ARE AMONG THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

43% EMPLOYED UPON GRADUATION (2016)

CONTINUING EDUCATION OR PURSUING GRADUATE SCHOOL

32%

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

5%

ALREADY COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE INTERNSHIP BY GRADUATION

62%

Only 19% were looking for employment.

RANKINGS


Top-tier university for enrolling low- and middle-income students by The New York Times

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UCLA ranks fourth, behind the county and city governments and the Los Angeles Unified School District, and ahead of such noteworthy private enterprises as Target and Northrop Grumman.

IMPACT ON LOCAL WORKFORCE
UCLA GRADUATES ARE SOME OF THE BRIGHTEST IN THE NATION, AND MOST STAY HERE:
77% Remained in L.A. or Orange County after graduation
16% Stayed in California but made the move to the Bay Area after graduation
*Fiscal Year 2017

SOCIAL MOBILITY
UCLA has long been an engine of opportunity for students who are the first in their families to attend college or who represent underserved populations. In fall 2016, 34% of the entering freshman class were first-generation college students. Almost one in three members of that class came from low-income families, and 35% were Pell Grant recipients, a federally funded program reserved for extremely low-income families.

STARTUPS
24 Startups launched using UCLA-developed technology during the 2016–17 fiscal year.

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RESEARCH
UCLA is a breeding ground for breakthrough research and innovation in almost every field. Indeed, it was on the UCLA campus that the Internet was invented in 1969. In 2016–17, UCLA faculty received more than $1 billion in sponsored research funding. With funding of such proportions, students can take part in some of the most groundbreaking research of the day — preparing them for careers in the world’s top companies, universities, and organizations.

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HEALTHCARE PROVIDER
UCLA Health hospitals, rated the best in Los Angeles and seventh in the nation, is a major contributor to the health and well-being of California. In the 2016–17 fiscal year, UCLA Health Sciences (encompassing all hospitals, clinics and professional schools) generated more than $6.4 billion in total economic impact, more than $6 billion of that in the region and more than $2.3 billion in the city of Los Angeles.

In fiscal year 2017, UCLA Health Science’s teaching hospitals and primary care clinics provided more than $67 million in charity care, in-kind health services, volunteer time and health education training, and an additional $227 million-plus in services in the form of unreimbursed cost of care to its Medicaid and Medi-Cal patients. Through the work of faculty and students affiliated with its David Geffen School of Medicine, School of Dentistry, Fielding School of Public Health and School of Nursing, UCLA provides thousands of hours of medical care to those who need it most.

COMMUNITY IMPACT
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