



follow *the* dream

## TO UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW – **WHERE DREAMS CONVERGE**

Ideally situated in Northern California and housed in Martin Luther King Jr. Hall, UC Davis School of Law can help you fulfill your greatest ambitions. Whether the goal is corporate law or public service, UC Davis provides the knowledge, tools and connections within a uniquely supportive and collegial learning environment.



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*Lilian Lopez-Zepeda,  
Class of 2021*

## Message from the Dean



Welcome to UC Davis School of Law, where we offer the highest quality of legal education to outstanding students from all backgrounds. Our unwavering commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion is known worldwide.

UC Davis Law views excellence as the standard. Yet the culture is friendly and inclusive. Our world-class “majority-minority” faculty consists of scholars whose expertise ranges from constitutional and business law to the latest takes on intellectual property and big data.

In the classroom and on the world stage, our faculty lend crucial, astute perspective to the most urgent issues of the day. They are the experts the media calls to help clear the cloud of misinformation surrounding free speech, immigration and civil rights, or the abortion debate.

Social justice principles guide Martin Luther King Jr. Hall. Through our ongoing Racial Justice Speaker Series, leading criminal law, civil rights and race scholars and top attorneys address the systemic racism that infects U.S. society.

We are committed to positioning our students as favorably as possible in the legal job market. Our Career Services staff attorney-counselors are ready to advise, and our devoted alumni willing to lend a hand. Our Class of 2022’s remarkable 94% employment rate 10 months after graduation attests to these efforts.

If you are admitted and come to UC Davis Law, you will join a community ready to ensure you succeed. And you will never regret the decision.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Johnson".

Kevin R. Johnson  
*Dean, Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law,  
and professor of Chicana/o Studies*

# #1

in “Greatest Resources for Women,”  
-Princeton Review’s  
“Best Law Schools, 2023”

# 3RD

-preLaw Magazine’s  
“Top Schools for Racial Justice, 2022”

# NO. 22

in scholarly impact among  
the nation’s law faculties

# 59%

students of color, class of 2025





*Professor David Horton teaches a  
UC Davis Law class outdoors.*





## The artful lawyer

Reza Harris was the graduate speaker at 2019's commencement, and the artist behind a mural tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. painted on behalf of the Black Law Students Association.

## The King Hall community: A shared vision

With more than 50 student groups and six student-run law journals, student life reflects the remarkable diversity of UC Davis Law. The pursuit of social justice and public service remains as avid as it was 54 years ago, when students lobbied successfully to name the then-new law school building after Martin Luther King Jr. UC Davis graduates lawyers of conscience, regardless of their practice areas.





31%

will receive need-based aid

21%

non-residents

3.71

undergraduate median GPA

177

undergraduate schools  
represented

REMARKABLY  
ACCOMPLISHED  
**AND DIVERSE:**

UC Davis Law draws  
exceptional students.

20%

first-generation  
college graduates

21%

identify as LGBTQ+

61%

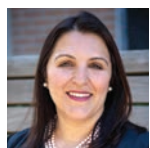
Women

59%

Students  
of Color

# AN INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE FACULTY

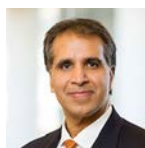
UC Davis School of Law is proud of its groundbreaking “majority-minority” faculty, ranked No. 22 in the nation in scholarly impact. The law school’s modest size and community feel allow for greater interaction among students and faculty than at other top-tier law schools.



Afra Afsharipour



Raquel E. Aldana



Vikram Amar



Nila Bala



Kelly Behre



Ashutosh  
Bhagwat



Karrigan Börk



Andrea Cann  
Chandrasekher



Gabriel “Jack”  
Chin



Holly S. Cooper



William S. Dodge



Christopher S.  
Elmendorf



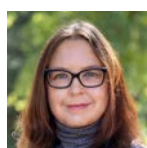
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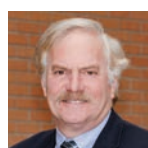
Luke Fadem



Eric Fish



Katherine Florey



Richard M. Frank



Beth Greenwood



David Horton



John P. Hunt



Lisa C. Ikemoto



Irene Oritseweyinmi  
Joe



Elizabeth E. Joh



Kevin R. Johnson



Thomas W. Joo



Courtney G. Joslin



Chimène Keitner



Carlton F.W. Larson



Peter Lee



Albert C. Lin



Amelia Miazad



Robert C. Miller



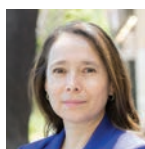
Johann Morri



Robert Mullaney



Menesh Patel



Amagda Pérez



Lisa R. Pruitt



Suzanne Reuben



Alix Rogers



Shayak Sarkar



Leticia M. Saucedo



Darien Shanske



Donna Shestowsky



Brian Soucek



Clay Tanaka



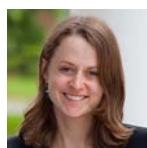
Aaron Tang



Dennis J. Ventry, Jr.



Carter C. White



Mary Ziegler



Professor Peter Lee teaches patent law and intellectual property and directs King Hall's Center for Innovation, Law, and Society.



9:1

student to faculty ratio



## A productive partnership

Kendra Clark '19 spent two years as a research assistant to Professor Irene Joe, a former New Orleans public defender whose scholarship incorporates criminal procedure and legal ethics. "Kendra is extremely dedicated to life as a public defender and the work public defenders do with indigent defendants," Joe said. "Having her come on to provide a fresh perspective was crucial."

Joe also assisted Clark, by providing examples of how to craft scholarly articles. While working with Joe, Clark drafted an article that later would be published by the *UC Davis Law Review* and win the school's prestigious Hopkins award. Clark later went to work for the Alameda County Public Defender's office.



*Shown left to right: Downtown Los Angeles, U.S. Supreme Court, Airbnb headquarters, San Francisco, California Capitol building in downtown Sacramento*

**A degree from UC Davis School of Law opens doors to the United States' premier law firms. We have alumni in the most desirable markets nationwide, with special concentrations in nearby — and red-hot — San Francisco and Silicon Valley. Southern California also is a hub.**





Minutes from campus is Sacramento, California's capital and one of the state's most diverse and fastest-growing cities. An established Davis-Capitol pipeline helps graduates secure government and law-firm jobs.

# 94%

of the class of 2022 was employed  
10 months after graduation

## FORTUNE 500

Our alumni work at these companies,  
among others:



Google

facebook.

amazon



HBO

NETFLIX



Disney

CISCO



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a bright red sleeveless dress and black heels, stands in a modern office. She is positioned in front of a large floor-to-ceiling window that offers a panoramic view of a city skyline, including several tall skyscrapers. The office interior features a patterned cushioned bench along the window, a desk with a framed picture on the wall, and several white office chairs. The lighting is bright, suggesting daytime.

## Realize your ambitions

UC Davis Law offers one of the finest, and most well-rounded, legal educations available. Students can gain hands-on experience through externships, internships and clerkships, skills classes, moot court and law reviews, and by helping represent underserved populations via public service fellowships and our law clinics. Our Career Services office helps create further connections by bringing employers to campus to meet students.

## From Law Review to entertainment law

**“My time on the *UC Davis Law Review* was very helpful, just in the attention to detail. Especially as a transactional lawyer – every word you use matters.”**

*Cheryl Wei, class of 2011, at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Los Angeles, where she is a partner representing studios, production companies and television networks*





Small and Midsize Firm Fair at King Hall

**Working for you**

Our Career Services office brings more than 200 employers a year to campus for face-to-face meetings and interviews with students. Visitors include representatives from the nation’s largest law firms, small and midsize firms and the government and public interest sectors.

In 2023-24, Career Services is working with these employers and others to recruit UC Davis Law students through virtual job-interview programs, job fairs and in-person meetings.

**Class of 2022 employment summary**

**EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS**

Private practice	64%
Government	11%
Business/industry	5%
Judicial clerkships	5%
Public interest/legal services	13%
Academic	2%





**BIG DREAMS.  
REAL-WORLD SKILLS.**

In summer 2023, Kimberly Martinez '25 served as judicial extern for Judge Troy L. Nunley of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.





## Alison Lima

CLASS OF 1996

**“At UC Davis School of Law, I got to know the professors really well. When I expressed an interest in entertainment, I was able to carve out that area for myself by taking the types of courses that would lead me on this track: contracts, intellectual property, copyright. ... There was such a broad array of opportunities. I was able to explore interests if I had them, and also parlay the classes I took into getting a job.”**

*Lima at the Hollywood headquarters of Netflix, where she is head of animation business & legal affairs*



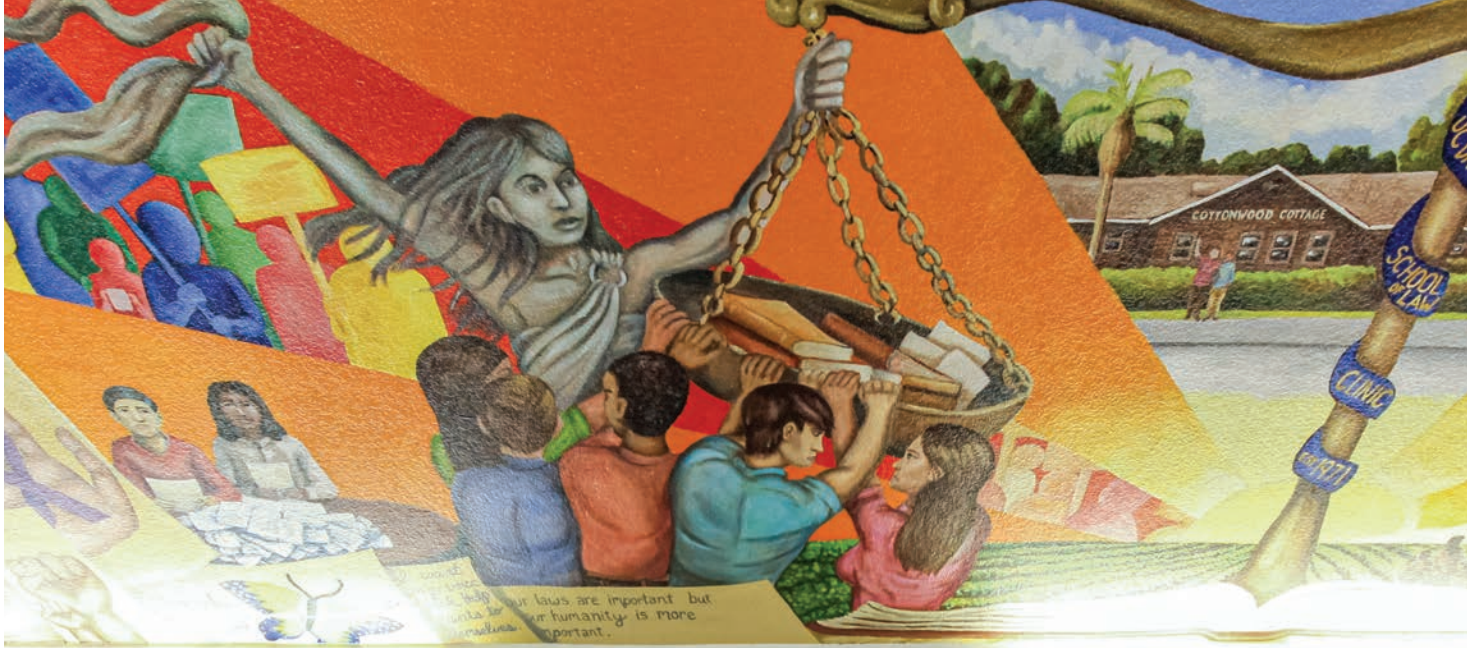
*Students argue their cases before federal and state appellate court judges during the Neumiller moot court competition.*



## Learning by doing

J.M. Florentino '21 spent the summer of 2019 working at Sacramento's Weintraub Tobin law firm as a Sacramento County Bar Association Diversity Fellow. Florentino worked alongside fellow UC Davis Law student **Anders Bostrom '20**, who was a summer associate at the firm.





## Immigration Law Clinic

UC Davis School of Law's Immigration Law Clinic often makes national headlines for its tireless work on behalf of detained migrant children and families and other immigrants in need. Now four decades old, the UC Davis Law clinic was among the first of its kind.

# FOUR

clinical legal education programs:  
civil rights, family protection and  
legal assistance, immigration  
and water justice

# 130+

student externships in 2022-23

## 8 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

business, criminal, environmental,  
immigration, intellectual property,  
pro bono, public service, and tax



## A TRADITION OF SERVICE

Public service is a foundation of UC Davis School of Law, which places students in government offices, the court system and nonprofits throughout the state and country through externships, public service law fellowships and other programs.

*Dayja Tillman '22 received UC Davis School of Law's Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award in 2022.*





# 100+

UC Davis Law students received  
summer and post-grad public  
service fellowships in 2023

**MORE THAN ONE QUARTER  
OF THE CLASS OF 2023  
RECEIVED PUBLIC SERVICE  
LAW PROGRAM OR PRO  
BONO CERTIFICATES.**

# 27K+

public service hours were amassed  
by the class of 2023

## Andrea Reyes

CLASS OF 2022

Reyes received a prestigious Skadden Fellowship, which provides two years of funding to help launch public interest careers. Just the third Skadden Fellow selected from UC Davis Law since the program began in 1988, Reyes works for San Francisco's Dolores Street Community Services, providing immigration legal services to community members seeking both defensive and affirmative immigration relief.







## Create the future

UC Davis Law alumni help shape the future, whether they are protecting copyrights of Silicon Valley tech entrepreneurs or safeguarding our waterways as environmental gatekeepers.



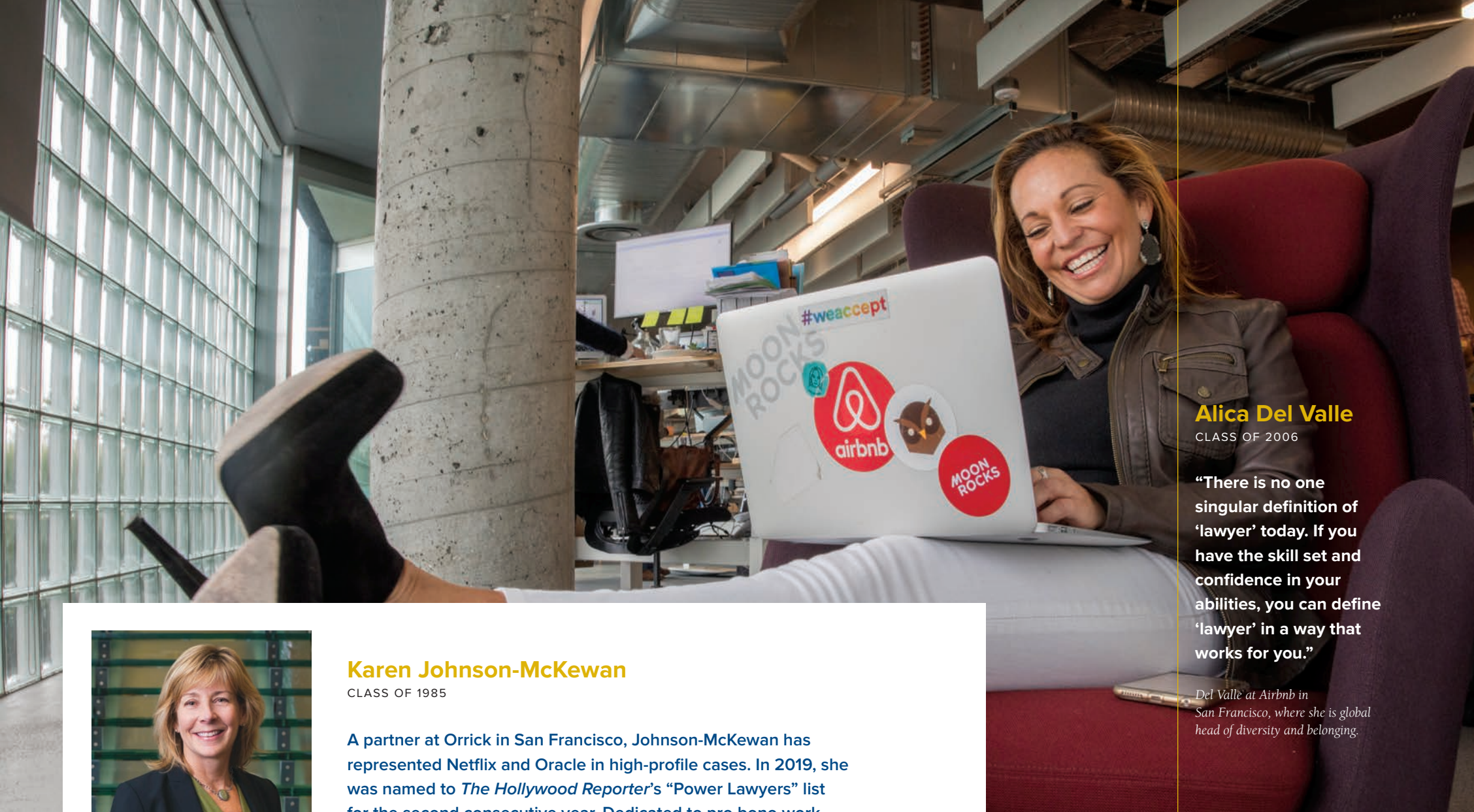
### Kaitlyn Kalua

CLASS OF 2016

**“I wanted to attend law school to better understand governance systems and the legal constraints in natural resource management.”**

Before law school, Kalua worked at Ocean Conservancy, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit. Drawn to UC Davis Law’s outstanding environmental law program and opportunities to work in the state capital, Kalua externed with the Governor’s Office and State Water Resources Control Board. She is now water quality program manager for the California Ocean Protection Council.





## Alica Del Valle

CLASS OF 2006

“There is no one singular definition of ‘lawyer’ today. If you have the skill set and confidence in your abilities, you can define ‘lawyer’ in a way that works for you.”

*Del Valle at Airbnb in San Francisco, where she is global head of diversity and belonging.*



## Karen Johnson-McKewan

CLASS OF 1985

A partner at Orrick in San Francisco, Johnson-McKewan has represented Netflix and Oracle in high-profile cases. In 2019, she was named to *The Hollywood Reporter*’s “Power Lawyers” list for the second consecutive year. Dedicated to pro bono work, Johnson-McKewan also scored a key win for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky in 2018.



# BREAK BARRIERS

At UC Davis Law, we are committed to helping provide equal access to a legal education. The King Hall Outreach Program helps undergraduates from underrepresented communities prepare for the law school admissions process; the Community College Pathway to Law School initiative targets law school hopefuls in community college; First Generation Advocates pairs first-generation UC Davis Law students with faculty mentors.





*Ben Lima '21, a first-generation college graduate, realized his plan of working with emerging companies when he went to work for Cooley LLP in fall 2021.*



*Class of 2023 graduates*



*Students at a First Generation Advocates reception*



# BEAUTIFUL, SUSTAINABLE, LIVABLE: THE UC DAVIS EXPERIENCE

## 2ND

best public university based on social  
mobility, research and public service  
(Washington Monthly, 2022)

## 10TH BEST

university in the U.S., by value  
(Money magazine, 2022)

## #1

most sustainable university in the U.S.  
(GreenMetric World University Ranking)



**LIGHT-FILLED AND  
AESTHETICALLY STRIKING,**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Hall sits in the  
loveliest part of the UC Davis campus,  
near the stately Mondavi Center for  
the Performing Arts and stunning  
Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.

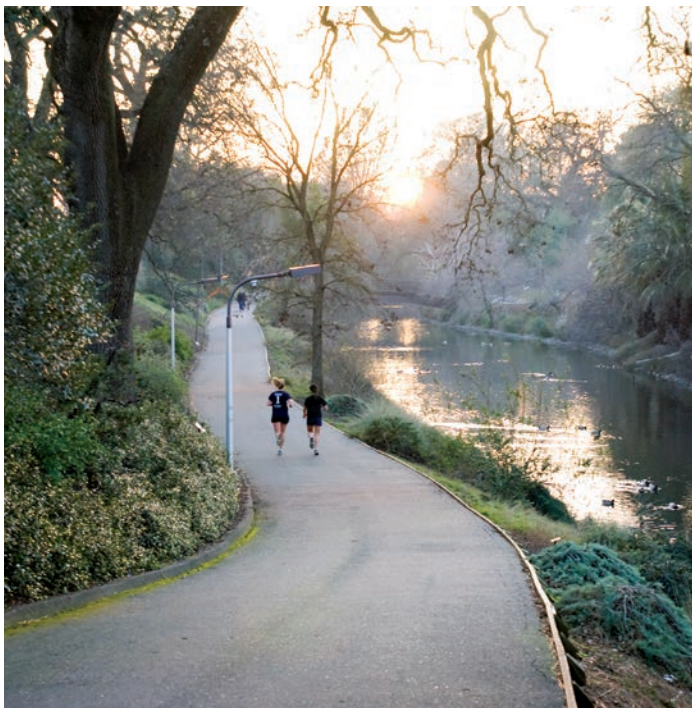






## STEPS AWAY FROM KING HALL

lies the lush UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, a 3.5-mile literal pathway to environmental stewardship lined with carefully labeled trees and plants. The sustainability message carries throughout campus, where “zero waste” is the mandate.







**Nicole Opendo**

CLASS OF 2023

**“Without these generous scholarships, I never would have had the opportunity to attend one of the best law schools in the country.”**

*Nicole Opendo '23, recipient of the Dean's Merit and Academic Excellence scholarships.*

**SUPPORTING YOUR VISION**

**At King Hall, we believe finances should not be a barrier to a high-quality public legal education. We offer generous financial aid packages.**

We offer a wide variety of funding options, and our extraordinarily generous merit- and need-based gift aid ensures that UC Davis School of Law remains financially accessible.

Financial assistance is available for students including: merit-based scholarships, need-based grants, early decision select scholars and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. public interest scholarships. The law school also offers financial aid for international students, veterans and undocumented students.

Detailed Financial Aid information & application instructions at [law.ucdavis.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://law.ucdavis.edu/admissions/financial-aid)

**Average cost of attendance**

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENT STUDENT COSTS (AVERAGE)**

Tuition and fees:	\$54,919
Books and supplies:	\$2,273
Basic living: (housing, food, and personal)	\$19,698
Transportation:	\$2,856
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$79,746</b>
Student Health: <i>Insurance Plan (SHIP)</i>	\$6,186*
<b>Total with SHIP:</b>	<b>\$85,932</b>

**NON-RESIDENT STUDENT COSTS (AVERAGE)**

Tuition and fees:	\$67,164*
Books and supplies:	\$2,273
Basic living: (housing, food, and personal)	\$19,698
Transportation:	\$2,856
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$91,991</b>
Student Health: <i>Insurance Plan (SHIP)</i>	\$6,186*
<b>Total with SHIP:</b>	<b>\$98,177</b>

*All tuition and fees are subject to the control of the UC Regents and California Legislature and may change without notice.*

*Please see the Office of Budget and Institutional Analysis for the most current information at [budget.ucdavis.edu/studentfees](http://budget.ucdavis.edu/studentfees).*

*\* Non-residents pay an additional \$12,245 in tuition and fees, which includes a non-resident supplemental tuition fee. Eligible non-residents can establish California residence for purposes of tuition after one year. Please see [registrar.ucdavis.edu/tuition/residence](http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/tuition/residence) for more information.*

*\* Students who have comparable insurance can apply for a SHIP waiver that will reduce the cost of attendance by \$6,186.*



A person wearing a white hoodie and dark pants is sitting on a wooden bench in a forest, working on a laptop. The forest is filled with tall, slender trees and a dense canopy of green leaves. The ground is covered in brown pine needles and some green grass. A dirt path leads through the forest on the right side. A black bag is on the table next to the person. The text "what is your dream?" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

what is *your* dream?





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2023-24



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# Apply

## Required documents checklist for J.D. applicants

- ☐ **Application for admission**  
Electronic or disabled-accessible submission required
- ☐ **Personal statement**  
2 to 4 pages in length, double-spaced
- ☐ **Résumé**
- ☐ **LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report**
- ☐ **Law School Admission Test (LSAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score**
- ☐ **Two letters of recommendation**

## Key dates

### SEPT. 1, 2023

Application period opens for fall 2024 J.D. admission

### NOV. 1, 2023

Deadline to submit Early Decision applications

*(Applicants receive decisions on or before Nov. 30, 2023)*

### MARCH 15, 2024

Deadline to submit J.D. applications for fall 2024

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**There is no fee to apply.**

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