



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 a superb, well-rounded legal education to outstanding students from all backgrounds.

UC Davis Law views excellence as the standard. Yet the culture is friendly and inclusive. Our world-class faculty consists of approachable teacher/scholars whose expertise ranges from constitutional and criminal law fundamentals to the latest takes on intellectual property, bioethics and data privacy.

Equality and justice underpin our law school, housed in Martin Luther King Jr. Hall. Nationally recognized for its historical representation of women and of students and faculty members of color, UC Davis Law remains steadfast in its commitment to diversity and to open dialogue about how to best achieve it.

We position students as favorably as possible in the job market, connecting them to highly engaged King Hall alumni invested in their success. Our innovative intellectual centers, legal clinics and externship program provide more key contacts and real-world experience. A remarkable 92% of our Class of 2023 found full-time, legal employment within 10 months of graduation.

If you are admitted, and decide to attend UC Davis Law, you will have access to abundant resources. The most vital resource is a community of people rooting for you to succeed.

Sincerely,

Jessica Berg,  
*Dean and Professor of Law*

# #1

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

# 2ND

in historical student diversity

# TOP 20

QS World Rankings of  
U.S. law schools, 2023

# 61%

students of color, class of 2026





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





## A leading presence

A first-generation college graduate, Brenda Quintanilla '24 served in Law Students Association leadership throughout law school, becoming LSA president her 3L year.



## 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 55 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.



30%

will receive need-based aid

19%

non-residents

3.69

undergraduate median GPA

165

median LSAT

REMARKABLY  
ACCOMPLISHED  
**AND DIVERSE:**

UC Davis Law draws  
exceptional students.

28%

first-generation  
college graduates

22%

identify as LGBTQ+

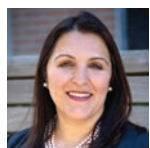
63%  
Women

61%  
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



Jessica Berg



Ashutosh  
Bhagwat



Karrigan Börk



Andrea Cann  
Chandrasekher



Gabriel “Jack”  
Chin



Holly S. Cooper



Christopher S.  
Elmendorf



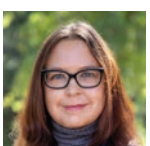
Stacy-Ann Elvy



Luke Fadem



Eric Fish



Katherine Florey



Beth Greenwood



David Horton



John P. Hunt



Lisa C. Ikemoto



Nina Jehle



Irene Oritseweyinmi  
Joe



Elizabeth E. Joh



Kevin R. Johnson



Thomas W. Joo



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Peter Lee



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Amelia Miazad



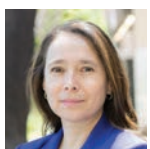
Johann Morri



Robert Mullaney



Menesh Patel



Amagda Pérez



Sarah Polcz



Lisa R. Pruitt



Suzanne Reuben



Alix Rogers



David Sandino



Shayak Sarkar



Leticia M. Saucedo



Darien Shanske



Donna Shestowsky



Brian Soucek



Clarisa Sudarma



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.



8:1

student to faculty ratio



## A historic collaboration

Professor Gabriel "Jack" Chin and student researchers including Keith Kang '25, Jenny Ge '24 and Hyein Kim '25 identified the Chicago Cafe in Woodland, California, as the oldest Chinese restaurant in the state – and likely the U.S.

Chin, the law students and UC Davis history and comparative literature scholars worked together to determine that the cafe has existed since 1910, despite the anti-Chinese laws and rampant anti-immigrant sentiment of the early 20th century. Their 2024 multidisciplinary research paper drew widespread media attention, including major pieces in *The Guardian* and *San Francisco Chronicle*.





*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 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.

# 92%

of the class of 2023 was employed  
10 months after graduation

## FORTUNE 500

Our alumni work at these companies,  
among others:



Google

Meta

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 bench along the window, a desk with a framed picture, 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 draws more than 250 employers a year to recruit UC Davis Law students through virtual job-interview programs, job fairs, and in-person meetings. Employers include the nation’s largest law firms, small and midsize firms, federal, state, and local government agencies, and public interest organizations.

## Class of 2023 employment summary

### EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

Private practice	53%
Government	11%
Business/industry	7%
Judicial clerkships	4%
Public interest/legal services	22%
Academic	2%





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

In summer 2023, Kimberly Martinez '25 served as a 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 general counsel for feature animation*



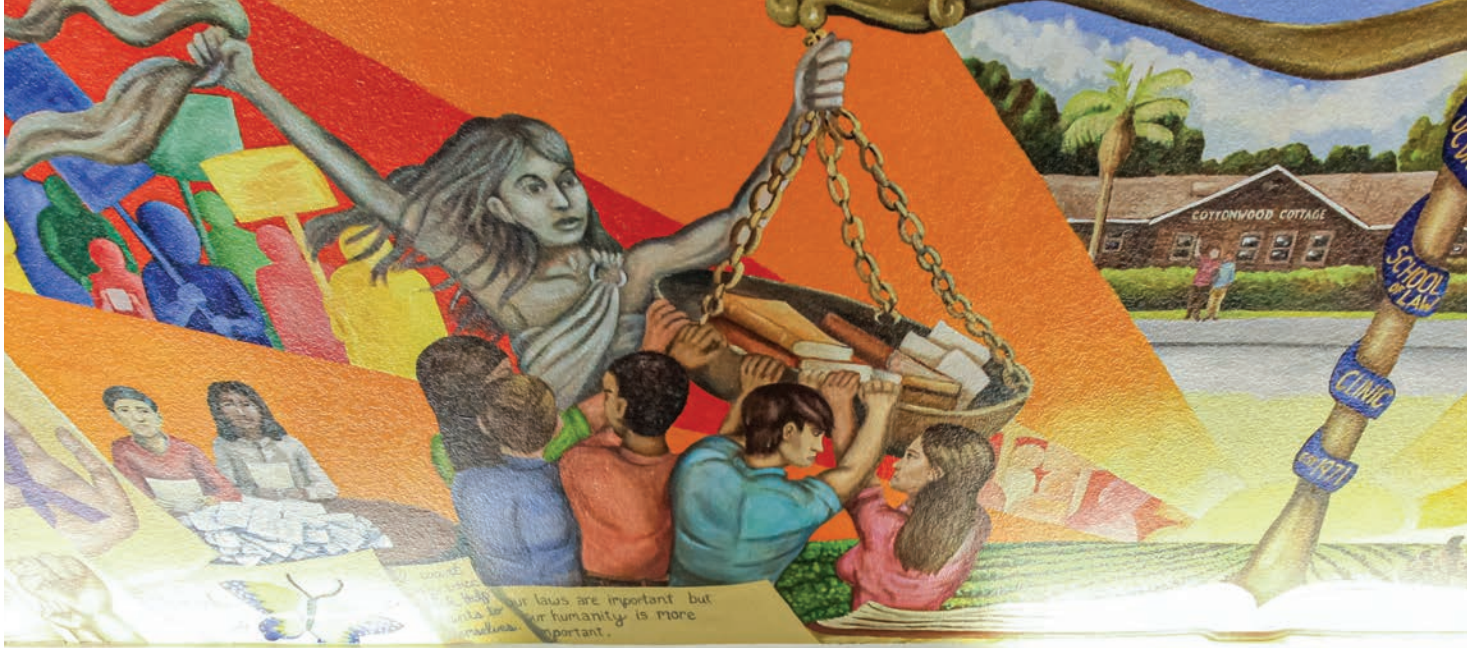
*Students argue their cases before federal and state appellate court judges during the Neumiller moot court competition.*



## 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.

# FIVE

clinical legal education programs:  
civil rights, domestic and sexual  
violence law, immigration, water  
justice, and water justice: small farmer  
assistance

# 120+

student externships in 2023-24

## 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.



Bri Pérez-Brennan '24 received UC Davis School of Law's Spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Award in 2024.



# 100+

UC Davis Law students received  
summer and post-grad public  
service fellowships in 2024

**MORE THAN ONE QUARTER  
OF THE CLASS OF 2024  
RECEIVED PUBLIC SERVICE  
LAW PROGRAM OR PRO  
BONO CERTIFICATES.**

# 40K

public service hours were amassed  
by the class of 2024

## 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 went to work 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.



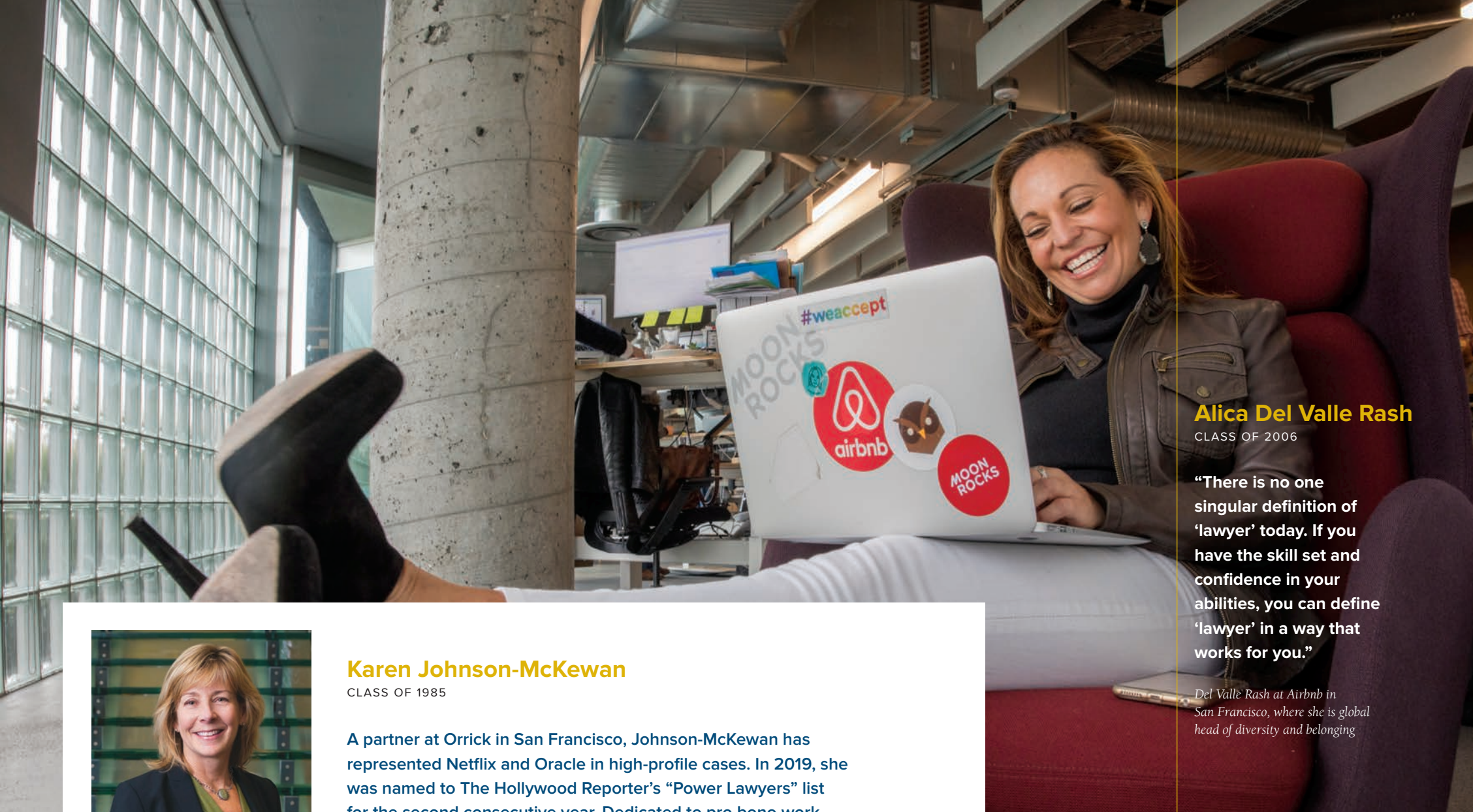
### Kaitlyn Kalua

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 deputy director of the California Ocean Protection Council.





**Alica Del Valle Rash**

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 Rash 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 2024 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.

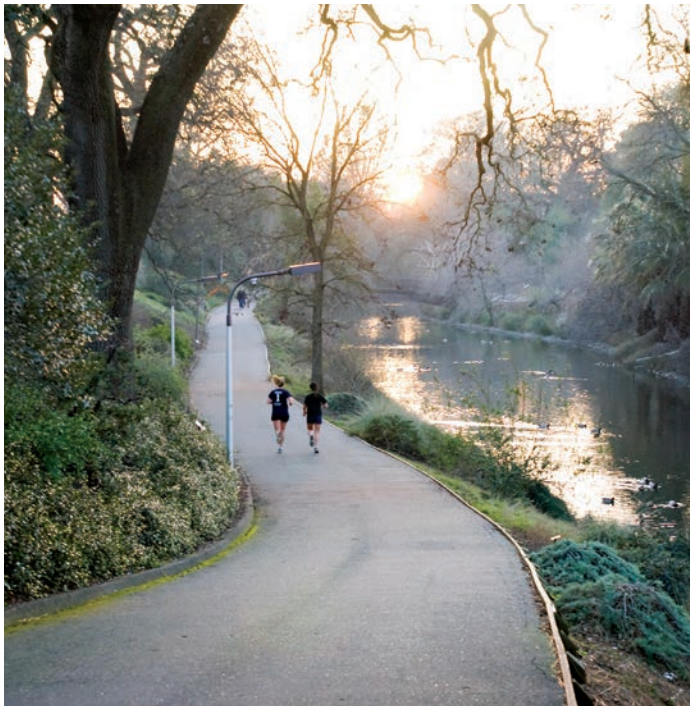






## STEPS AWAY FROM KING HALL

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:	\$57,409
Books and supplies:	\$2,273
Basic living: (housing, food, and personal)	\$20,387
Transportation:	\$2,942
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$83,011</b>
Student Health: <i>Insurance Plan (SHIP)</i>	\$7,446*
<b>Total with SHIP:</b>	<b>\$90,457</b>

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

Tuition and fees:	\$69,654*
Books and supplies:	\$2,273
Basic living: (housing, food, and personal)	\$20,387
Transportation:	\$2,942
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$95,256</b>
Student Health: <i>Insurance Plan (SHIP)</i>	\$7,446*
<b>Total with SHIP:</b>	<b>\$102,702</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 \$7,446.*



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 plants. A dirt path leads through the forest on the right side. A black bag is on the ground near the person. A black lamp post is visible in the distance on the right.

what is *your* dream?





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2024-25





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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, 2024

Application period opens for fall 2025 J.D. admission

### NOV. 1, 2024

Deadline to submit Early Decision applications

*(Applicants receive decisions on or before Nov. 30, 2024)*

### MARCH 15, 2025

Deadline to submit J.D. applications for fall 2025

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**There is no fee to apply.**

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