# Quick Tips and Resources for Undocumented Students

# Housing

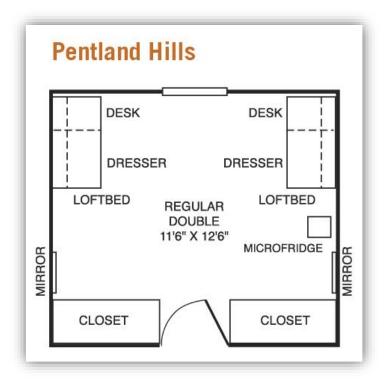
#### **On-Campus**

Pentland, Triple					
Dinning Plan (# of swipes per Quarter)	120	180	Unlimited		
First Payment Due	\$250	\$250	\$250		
Monthtly Payment	\$1,620	\$1,680	\$1,720		

Lothian, Triple					
Dinning Plan (# of swipes per Quarter)	120	180	Unlimited		
First Payment Due	\$250	\$250	\$250		
Monthtly Payment	\$1,570	\$1,630	\$1,670		

Aberdeen-Inverness, Triple					
Dinning Plan (# of swipes per Quarter)	120	180	Unlimited		
First Payment Due	\$250	\$250	\$250		
Monthtly Payment	\$1,520	\$1,580	\$1,620		

For more information on on-campus housing, visit



#### Housing.ucr.edu

# Off-Campus

Average Off-Campus Apartment Rates*							
	Monthly	1 Person	2 People	Monthly Cost of			
Room Type	Rent**	Per Room	Per Room	Food Per Person***			
1 Bedroom	\$1,049	\$1,049	\$524.50	\$260			
2 Bedroom/1 Bath	\$1,157	\$578.50	\$289.25	\$260			
2 Bedroom/2 Bath	\$1,636	\$818	\$409	\$260			
Studio	\$783	\$783	\$391.50	\$260			

<sup>\*</sup>Data compiled November 2012. Apartments were selected from the university's 3-mile Off-Campus Housing list based on their proximity to campus and high number of student residents, as well as their comparability to university 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments.

\*\*\*Based on the USDA's Cost of Food (Moderate Cost) Plan http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/Publications/FoodPlans/2013/CostofFoodJun2013.pdf

Note: Every apartment offers different amenities, such as paid utilities, free printing, pool, gym, etc.

<sup>\*\*</sup>http://housing.ucr.edu/help-desk/offcampus-housing.aspx

## List of some apartments near UC Riverside Campus:

**Boulder Crest Apartments** 

http://www.bouldercrestapartments.com/

**Campus Crossing Apartments** 

http://www.ccriversideapts.com/

**Grand Marc** 

http://www.livegrandmarc.com/floorplans

**Highlander Pointe Apartments** 

http://www.highlanderpointeapartments.com/

**Highlander Parc Apartments** 

http://www.highland-parc.com/brochure.aspx

**Copper Canyon Apartments** 

http://www.coppercanyonapts.com/CopperCanyonCA/Index.aspx

The Palms

http://www.thepalmsonuniversity.com/riverside/the-palms-on-university/

## Tips on Housing:

- Most apartments and utilities companies require security deposits. Therefore, it's suggested that you save up during the summer, since refund checks are not available until the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.
- Some apartments do come with furniture and appliances. However, many are not furnished. In order to save money scout craigslist and Facebook groups, since many graduating seniors will be selling their old furniture.
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/135291023267818/
  - o https://www.facebook.com/groups/135291006601153/
- Use the following Facebook pages for UCR students to find roommates:
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/135291019934485/
- If you have any questions or need assistance with housing, such as finding a place or roommate, feel free to contact PODER (undocumented student organization) at <a href="mailto:PODER.at.UCR@gmail.com">PODER.at.UCR@gmail.com</a> or Undocumented Student Coordinator, <a href="mailto:ana.coria@ucr.edu">ana.coria@ucr.edu</a>.





# **Undocumented Students' Testimonials**



"UCR wasn't my first choice, to be honest. The community and diversity you find here, however, is what won me over. I had checked out other UC's and none could compare to the friendly faces you found everywhere, and all types of groups you could find and identify with—sexual orientation, ethnicities, beliefs, careers, whatever you wanted, you could find it here. For me, finding out that there existed a small community of undocumented students meant everything. I had finally found out that I wasn't the only one in my position and the idea alone, is what got me to UCR. I had people to talk to and share with; I was put into contact with someone that could help me get the resources I needed as an undocumented student. Since my freshmen year, I have grown with others and developed these bonds that I never thought I could, as well as a passion for helping my community in any way that I can. UCR has become the home that I never thought I would have."—Mafalda Gueta, Biology Major

"Being part of PODER has provided me a place where I feel safe. I am always surrounded by friendly people who I can identify with. In general being at UC Riverside has helped me grow as an individual. I was extremely shy when I just came to UCR, but now I am part of various organizations because I am not that shy anymore. UC Riverside has provided me with knowledge that will benefit me in the future. I have made amazing friends that I will always remember."—Veronica Martinez, Sociology and Anthropology Major





"When I first arrived at UCR I knew things were completely different than high schools. My first goal was to make some friends and incredibly enough it was not hard because people at UCR are very welcoming and friendly. I would say the best part of my first year experience was meeting all the upperclassmen students and seeing what they had accomplished at the Local, State, and International level and seeing the possibilities of what I can do. Another incredible part of my first year experience was finding an organization that was made up of undocumented students and allies. I found this incredible because during high school I did not know of many undocumented folks. This was amazing because I could relate to a lot of the struggles they faced and now I knew I wasn't alone. Also I know that with this organization I can give back to my community just the way other undocumented students gave to me by helping pass the CA Dream Act and by DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Overall, my experience has been awesome because I have met amazing people and UCR has really offered me a lot with friendships, financial aid, and my education. I do not regret choosing UCR as my University." - Abimael Aldana Hernandez, Business Administration Major

"As a transfer undocumented student, my transition to UC Riverside was challenging. I transferred in 2011, before the enactment of the CA Dream Act. As a result, I had to enroll as a part time student for the first year, and I took a quarter off in order to work and pay for tuition. During this time, I held two part-time jobs and my academic performance deteriorated. In addition, as a commuter I felt like I did not belong to the UCR student life. Although giving up on my aspiration has never been an option for me, this caused a lot of internal frustration and tension. However, I was fortunate to receive financial aid assistance for last three quarters at UCR. This financial aid assistance transformed my personal and academic performance. I participated in the University of California Sacramento internship program, and became an active member and Vice-President of PODER.

Such opportunities motivated me to excel academically; this was reflected through the Dean's List recognition for two consecutive quarters. I can honestly say that without the financial support from the CA Dream Act, PODER, and the Chicano Student Programs staff, my experience at UCR would have been miserable. Although it has taken me a total of six years to obtain my B.A. in Political Science, they have been the most extraordinary years of my life. The six year journey helped me develop and strengthened my leadership skills, such skills that will guide me for the rest of my life. Lastly, I plan to further my education and pursue a career in public service. I will forever carry with me the Riverside City College and University of California, Riverside legacy." Italia Uribe, Political Science Major

