**Boilerplate Information**

**GENERAL UNIVERSITY BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) is the third-largest university in California (in undergraduate student headcount) and largest in the California State University (CSU) 23-campus system (Fall 2022). It serves the Southern California region, in particular Orange County, playing a major role in the economic, social and educational development of its large service area. CSUF offers 110 programs – 55 undergraduate degree programs and 55 graduate degree programs[[1]](#endnote-1) – including doctorates in education and nursing practice – and counts more than 308,213[[2]](#endnote-2) graduates as of Fall 2022. Nearly 81% of its alumni live within driving distance of the campus.[[3]](#endnote-3)

**CAL STATE FULLERTON’S DIVERSE STUDENT BODY**

A distinctive feature of CSUF is the diversity of its student body. According to Diverse: Issues in Higher Education’s “[Top 100 Degree Producers](https://lsc-pagepro.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=6407&i=723716&p=24&ver=html5)” list, Cal State Fullerton ranks 1st in California and 3rd in the nation for the highest number of bachelor's degrees in all disciplines awarded to underrepresented students. [[4]](#endnote-4)

Cal State Fullerton is federally designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Of the 40,386 students enrolled in fall 2022, the ethnic distribution is as follows: Asian, 21.8%; Black/African American, 2.2%; Hispanic/Latinx, 50.2%; Nonresident: 3.0%; Multi-Race, 3.6%; Native American, 0.1%; Pacific Islander, 0.2%; White, 16.4%; Unknown, 2.5%[[5]](#endnote-5).

Please refer to [Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning[Opens in new window](http://www.fullerton.edu/data/)](http://www.fullerton.edu/data/) for up-to-date information.

**HSI BACKGROUND**

CSUF is one of only two four-year public Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) in Orange County, where 34.1% of the county’s 3,167,809[[6]](#endnote-6) identify themselves as of Hispanic or Latino origin. It is 1st in California and 3rd in the nation in awarding baccalaureate degrees to Hispanic students. (*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, Oct 2021*).

According to Diverse: Issues in Higher Education’s “[Top 100 Degree Producers](https://lsc-pagepro.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=6407&i=723716&p=24&ver=html5)” list, CSUF ranks 3rd in the nation and 1st in California in the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to underrepresented students. [[7]](#endnote-7) It ranks 10th in the nation for number of bachelor’s degrees earned by Asian-American students. (*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, Oct 2021)*

According to U.S. News & World Report, CSUF ranks 3rd in most Innovative regional university in the West (2021-22). CSUF ranks among the Top 1% of Money’s 2022 Best Colleges in America (2022). CSUF ranks 8th public university in California on Forbes’ 2022 America’s Top Colleges list. Washington Monthly ranks CSUF 28th on its 2022 “Best Bang for the Buck: West” list. Third Way’s Economic Mobility Index (2022) ranks CSUF among the Top 25 in the nation for economic mobility.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

***Federal Grant Experience***

As a public university, California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) frequently relies on its auxiliaries to help fund program and services that benefit its students, faculty, staff, and the community in general. The CSU Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) was established by the CSUF in 1959 to oversee various enterprises on campus, including the administration of grants and contracts awarded to the University. ASC’s systems for managing external awards (“sponsored programs”) have been established to comply and conform to federal and state, local, and other applicable laws and regulations, the California State University (CSU) system policies, CSUF and ASC policies, and the specific funding agency’s requirements and guidelines. As fiscal agent for CSUF’s publicly funded grants and contracts, ASC has successfully managed several hundreds of millions of dollars and the reporting requirements associated with them. [More at Sponsored Programs[Opens in new window](http://www.fullerton.edu/asc/sp/)](http://www.fullerton.edu/asc/sp/)

ASC’s Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is tasked with the responsible stewardship of sponsored funds to ensure efficiency and cost effectiveness in ASC operations.  Its business and financial Services policies and procedures follow the generally accepted accounting principles of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

***Sound Program and Fiscal Oversight***

The programmatic, administrative and fiscal oversight of sponsored programs at California State University, Fullerton comes from tenured management and staff. The ASC, CSUF and the Office of Grants and Contracts (Authorized Official Representatives for proposal submissions) have extensive experience with proposal submissions, contract issuance, review and negotiations and fiscal administration (including programmatic and fiscal reporting) through management of complex programs. Additionally, the staff are knowledgeable and experienced with compliance in federal, state and local regulations, and these offices are adequately staffed to effectively and successful monitor each project.

1. <http://www.fullerton.edu/academics/#:~:text=Cal%20State%20Fullerton%20offers%20110,outstanding%20faculty%20and%20alumni%20achievements>. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. No. of graduates: 274,500(as of May 2018) + 11,205 (degrees in 2019-20) + 11,394 (degrees in 2020-21) + 11,114 (degrees in 2021-22) = 308,213 [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. <http://www.fullerton.edu/data/_resources/pdfs/research/emsi/Emsi-AO-Summary-Report-090220.pdf> [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. <https://news.fullerton.edu/2021/11/university-ranks-no-1-in-california-no-3-in-u-s-for-degrees-to-underrepresented-students/> [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. <https://www.fullerton.edu/data/institutionalresearch/facts/Fall2022_CSUF_Facts_Accessible_101321.pdf> [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/orangecountycalifornia>

   [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. <https://news.fullerton.edu/2021/11/university-ranks-no-1-in-california-no-3-in-u-s-for-degrees-to-underrepresented-students/> [↑](#endnote-ref-7)