



INAUGURATION *of* CHANCELLOR

S. JACK HU

*as the* TENTH CHANCELLOR *of the*  
University of California, Riverside









An aerial photograph of the University of California, Riverside campus. The image shows various university buildings, a large green field, and a baseball field. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent blue vertical band runs down the center of the image, containing white text.

*“Powered by an entrepreneurial spirit and a record of discovery and innovation, UCR is an inclusive, globally focused community that reflects California’s many cultures and perspectives. Together, we embody the historic and contemporary promise of the Golden State, empowering the next generation of artists, authors, entrepreneurs, physicians, scientists, and political and civic leaders.”*

**– S. JACK HU, CHANCELLOR**







## S. JACK HU, PH.D.

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Dr. S. Jack Hu began his appointment as the tenth chancellor of UC Riverside on July 15, 2025. He also holds an academic appointment as distinguished professor of mechanical engineering in the UCR Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering. Dr. Hu brings nearly four decades of experience in administrative leadership, education, research, and innovation to his role.

Prior to UCR, he served as senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Georgia, where he led the institution's academic mission across 19 schools and colleges and oversaw instruction, research, public service and outreach, and information technology. Dr. Hu partnered with vice presidents, deans, and a provost task force on academic excellence to define new research initiatives and faculty hires, which led to centers and institutes to foster long-term, interdisciplinary collaboration. He also worked to strengthen enrollment planning across undergraduate, graduate, and online programs.

Previously, Dr. Hu served as vice president for research at the University of Michigan, overseeing a \$1.5 billion research enterprise. He helped launch major interdisciplinary initiatives in data science and mobility technology, including Mcity, a public-private partnership for connected and automated vehicles. He also led the formation of several international partnerships for research and education.

A leader in manufacturing science, Dr. Hu has advanced the fields of assembly systems, materials joining, and quality control. His research has been supported by more than \$46 million in funding from federal agencies and major industry partners such as General Motors. He holds 10 U.S. patents and has published nearly 200 peer-reviewed journal articles, as well as conference papers, book chapters, and technical reports. His work has improved manufacturing systems quality and productivity in several industrial sectors.

Dr. Hu was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2015. He is an elected fellow of several leading organizations, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), the National Academy of Inventors, and the International Academy for Production Engineering (CIRP). He has received numerous honors for his contributions to manufacturing, including the DeVor/Kapoor Manufacturing Medal and the William T. Ennor Manufacturing Technology Award from ASME, and the Gold Medal from SME. In 2021, SME named him one of the 20 most influential academics in smart manufacturing.

A first-generation student, Dr. Hu earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tianjin University in China and his master's and Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan.

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**S. Jack Hu**

Chancellor  
(2025-Present)



# CEREMONY OF INVESTITURE

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## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

### **UCR Pipe Band**

The Grand Marshal: **Kenneth N. Barish**, Chair, Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

The Student Marshals: **Leila Haidar and Jordan Steinhauser**

## PROCESSION ORDER

Delegates from Nonaffiliated Universities

Delegates of the University of California, Riverside

Delegates of the University of California

Delegates from Other University of California Campuses

Members of the Board of Regents

Honored Speakers

President of the University of California

Chair of the University of California Board of Regents

Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### **Gerald Clarke**

Special Advisor to the Chancellor on Native American Affairs

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

### **Jacobo Ramirez**

UCR Chamber Singers Soloist

## WELCOME AND GREETINGS FROM THE REGENTS

### **Janet Reilly**

Chair, University of California Board of Regents

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Horse Racing

**Huang Haihua, Composer**

**Chuan Qin, Performer**



# OFFICIAL GREETINGS

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## FROM THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations Video

## FROM THE FACULTY

**Kenneth N. Barish**

Chair, Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

## FROM THE STAFF

**Paige Mejia**

President, UCR Staff Assembly

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## FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Jordan Steinhauser**

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## FROM THE ALUMNI

**Josefina Canchola**

President, UCR Alumni Association Board of Directors

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Stand by Me by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, and Mike Stoller

**Jonny Miller & Suns**



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## FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**Jon Kinsey**

Vice President and Secretary, University of Michigan

## FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

**Jere W. Morehead**

President, University of Georgia

## VIDEO INTERLUDE

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY

**James B. Milliken**

President, University of California

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS

**S. Jack Hu**

Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside

## ALMA MATER

Hail Fair UCR

**UCR Chamber Singers**

## RECESSION

**UCR Pipe Band**

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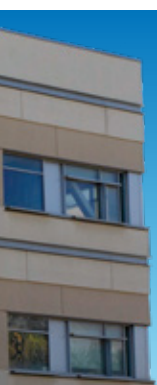
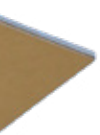
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