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UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business Part-Time and Full-Time MBA Programs Rise in Latest Ranking Report from U.S. News

Merage School MBA Programs Rank Among Top 50 Nationally

Irvine, CA – (March 16, 2016) – The UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business Part-Time and Full-Time MBA programs both rose in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools rankings release today. The Merage School FEMBA (part-time) program climbed one spot to rank No. 36 in the nation, No. 26 among public schools. The Full-Time MBA program rose five spots to No. 48 in the nation, No. 25 among public schools.

“Amidst the host of quality indicators upon which the Merage School is positively evaluated, recruiter assessment is significantly contributing to the momentum in both the Full-Time and Part-Time programs at the Merage School,” said Eric Spangenberg, dean of The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine. “Throughout our programs, we are on the right trajectory in very competitive spaces; our graduates are evaluated very favorably by the marketplace as we are among the top places to recruit talent in southern California.”

“It takes a collaborative effort to deliver an exceptional education for our students, and it is gratifying that these efforts are recognized in our rankings,” said Gerardo Okhuysen, professor of Organization and Management and associate dean of Masters Programs at the Merage School.

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“We are making great strides to improve our programs in a very competitive environment and our students are the very fortunate beneficiaries of those efforts.”


U.S. News Rankings Methodology
The U.S. News part-time MBA ranking is based on five factors: average peer assessment score (50 percent of the overall score); average GMAT score and GRE scores of part-time MBA students entering in the fall of 2015 (15 percent); average undergraduate GP (5 percent); work experience (15 percent); and the percentage of the fall 2015 MBA enrollment that is part time (15 percent). For details on the ranking methodology, visit: usnews.com/gradmeth.

Full-time MBA rankings involved a survey of the 470 master’s programs in business administration accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Of the 379 that responded, 129 MBA programs provided the data used to calculate rankings based on a weighted average of eight indicators: quality assessment, placement success, student selectivity, overall rank and specialty rankings. For more details on methodology, visit: usnews.com/gradmeth.

About The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine
The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine offers four dynamic MBA programs – plus PhD, specialty masters and undergraduate business degrees – that graduate world-ready business leaders with the exceptional ability to help grow their organizations through strategic innovation, analytical decision-making, information technology and collaborative execution. While the Merage School is relatively young, it has quickly grown to consistently rank among the top 10 percent of all AACSB-accredited programs through exceptional student recruitment, world-class faculty, a strong alumni network and close relationships with both individual business executives and global corporations. Additional information is available at http://merage.uci.edu/.

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