Engineering 3+2 Program

The Samueli School of Engineering & Division of Continuing Education
University of California, Irvine

Overview

The Engineering 3+2 Program is a collaborative partnership between the University of California, Irvine (UCI) and select international universities that enable qualified students to **earn two degrees in five years** - a bachelor's degree from home institutions and a master's degree from UCI. Through this program, students expand their engineering knowledge through coursework and faculty mentorship while preparing for future graduate and professional opportunities.

Founded in 1965, UCI has quickly established itself as a leading public research university, ranking among the nation's **top 10 public universities** by *U.S. News & World Report* and **the top 100 in the world** by *Times Higher Education* in 2026. Strategically located in Orange County, California, approximately 50 miles south of Los Angeles, UCI offers students a strong academic environment with close connections to California's renowned technology industries. The university is home to over 36000 students and many internationally recognized faculty and researchers, including five Nobel laureates.

The School of Engineering at UCI has also received high rankings and is recognized as one of the nation's best engineering schools, ranked 36th among all engineering graduate programs by *U.S. News & World Report*. Faculty within the School are dynamic and dedicated to their disciplines and have achieved worldwide honors for their pioneering research and teaching, including 17 faculty who are members of the National Academy of Engineering. The school has more than 4700 students and offers a wide range of engineering disciplines within the following six academic departments:

- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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Program Highlights

- Two degrees in five years (B.S. and M.S).
- Gain valuable international experience.
- Participate in cutting-edge engineering and innovation.
- Build academic and professional connections with UCI faculty, with opportunities to receive letters of recommendation.
- Receive customized English writing support, and guidance throughout the UCI graduate application process.

Program Criteria

- Engineering Major.
- Nominated by partner university.
- Completion of at least three full academic years of study.
- Minimum GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- TOEFL score of 85 (traditional scale) or 4 (new scale), or IELTS score of 7.0.

Program Cost

- Year 1: About $34,000
- Year 2: About $36,000

Additional living expenses are about $20,000 per academic year, depending on lifestyle.

Please note: housing is not guaranteed, students will need to secure their own housing.

Application Procedure

- Partner universities will identify eligible engineering students based on class rank or GPA by January 15, 2027*, and submit the following student documents:
    - Information Template
    - Transcript
    - TOEFL or IELTS record
    - Resume/CV
- UCI will conduct online interview among the selected students, in February 2027
- Admission results will be published, by end of February 2027
- Student will confirm acceptance of offer, by March 15, 2027
- Students will be invited to complete the program application by May 1, 2027

* If more time is needed for collecting applicants, please contact us.

Year 1

- Program start date: mid-September 2027
- Summer course: Online Scientific Writing course in August 2027
- Study plan must be approved by faculty from home institute
- Minimum 12 units each quarter (including research, senior design project, or graduate-level courses)
- Submit graduate program applications by department deadlines
- Maintain a GPA of 3.3 and above
- Receive B.S. degree from home institute upon completion of Year 1 at UCI

Year 2

- Complete relevant coursework
- Minimum 12 units each quarter
- Receive UCI M.S. degree upon fulfilling all degree requirements

Scholarship Application

Qualified students will receive $28,000 scholarships toward the tuition of the 3+2 program. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please submit the following scholarship materials along with your program application:

- Personal Statement (1–2 pages): Explain why you are a strong candidate for the scholarship, including your academic achievements, goals, and how the scholarship will support your educational plans.

- One Letter of Recommendation: The students only need to provide one faculty name and contact information who will provide your letter of recommendation to UCI. Please ask your recommender to send the letter directly to the program email: engineering-3plus2@uci.edu.

Program Website

http://sites.uci.edu/engr32/