



Mission

Fostering access to faculty-mentored research opportunities for undergraduate students from all academic disciplines with structured support and training to prepare for graduate studies and future careers.



Nine-week summer research experience for all disciplines.

- Weekly workshops for research skills, graduate school preparation, and professional development
- Students conduct faculty-mentored research projects
- Current graduate students are hired as mentors
- Intentional conversation regarding challenges being a first-generation college student pursuing graduate school

SURI Weekly Workshop Series

Week	Theme	Graduate School Preparation	Development Series	Within your Field (Hosted by Grad Mentors)
1	Making The Most of SURI (Orientation Week)	Intro to Grad School: What is it and why should you consider applying?	Making the Most of SURI Alumni Panel	Reflection and Discussion Program Breakouts
2	Becoming a Researcher	Grad Admissions Faculty Panel: How to apply and info from grad group chairs	Creating a Strong CV	Components of an Abstract
3	Looking Beyond this Summer	Grad School Search: Exploring your Interests	Professional Networking	Dissecting Journal Articles
4	Cultivating your Message	Application Statements: How to Write and Edit	Elevator Pitch	GRE Review: Dispelling the Myths
5	Progress, Not Perfection	Writing a Diversity Statement	Abstract & Poster Review	Building a Research Poster
6	Translating Your Research	Alumni Panel: Choosing the Right Grad Program	How to Communicate Your Research	Peer Reviews (CV, Statements, Abstracts, Posters, etc.)
7	Moving From Goals to Reality	Funding Grad School	Conferences 101: Submitting, Presenting, and Networking	Research Writing
8	Bringing it all Together	Faculty Panel: Staying Connected and Asking for Letters of Rec	Virtual Presentation Tips	Symposium Practice and Feedback
9	Your Best Self	Complete SURI Evaluations & Symposium Practice	Importance of Research Discussion with the Deans	Searching for Opportunities

Annual Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium

All students present a research poster, creative project, or oral slideshow presentation

Several opportunities to practice, review, and edit before presentations

Family, friends, and community invited to attend for support



Path to Grad School Fall Workshop Series



Helpful work sessions for
students applying



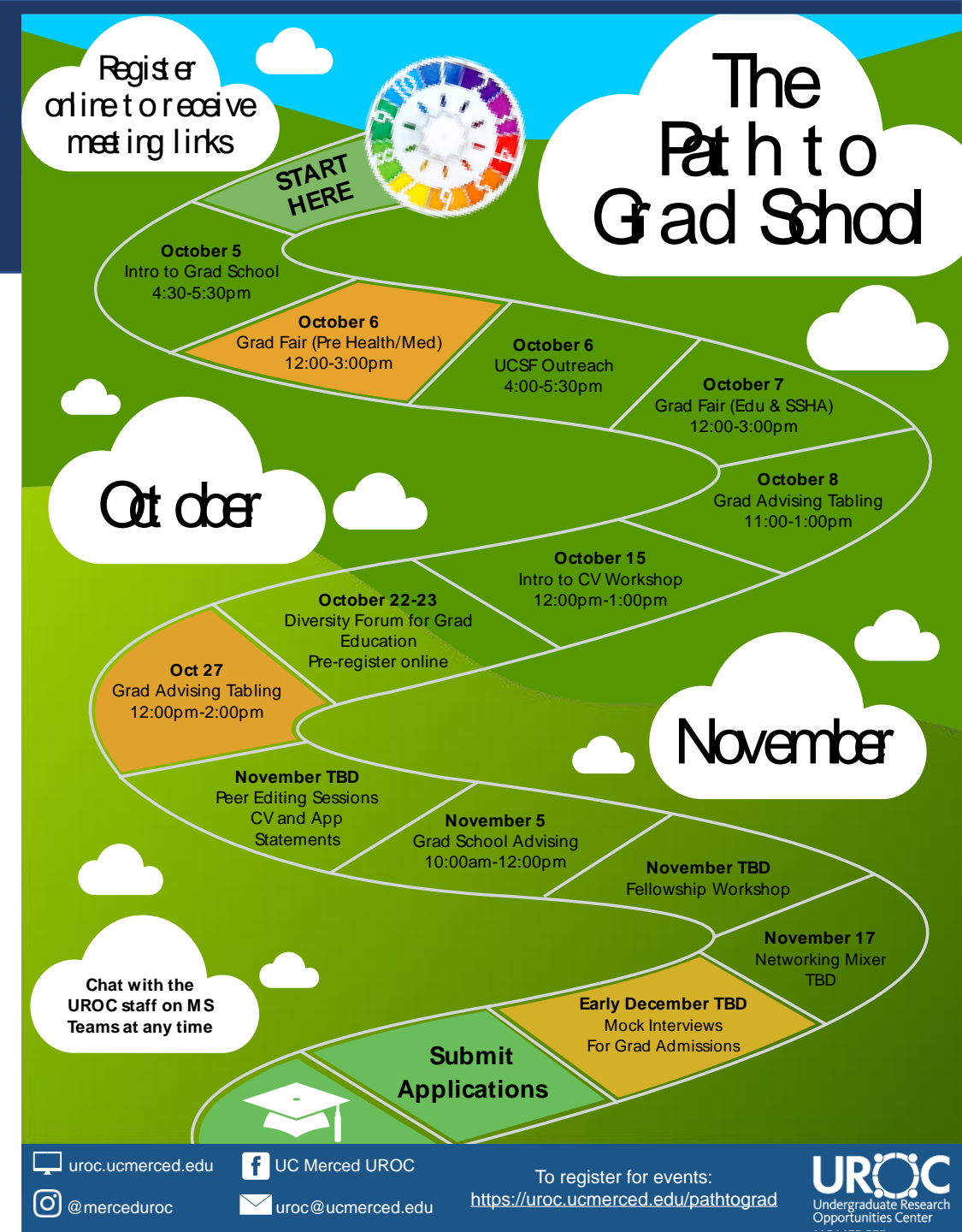
Targeted recruitment
from other institutions



Edit draft statements and
develop plans from SURF

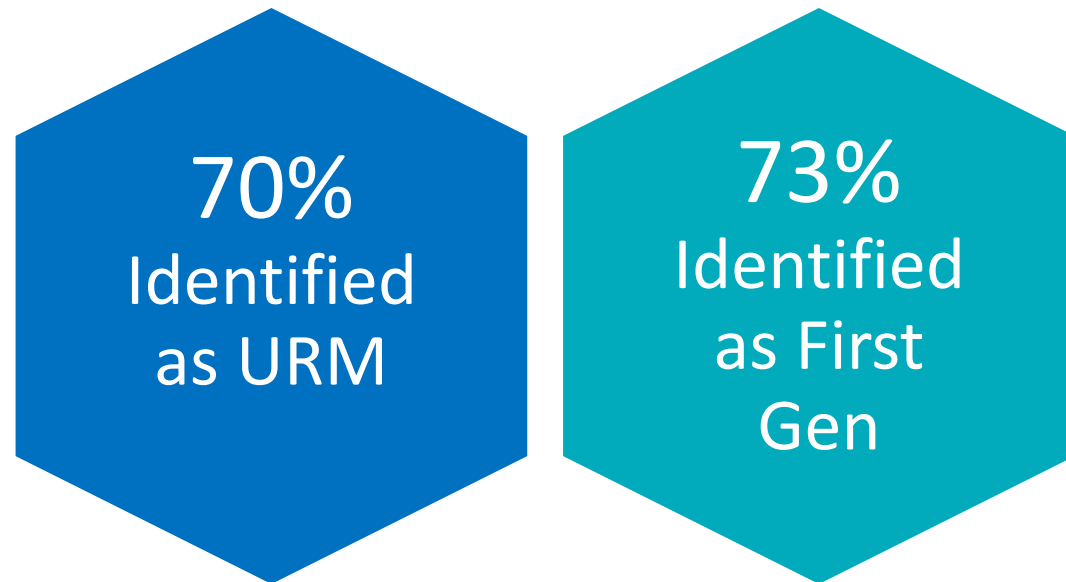


Intentional support from
staff and peers



Serving the UC Merced Student Population

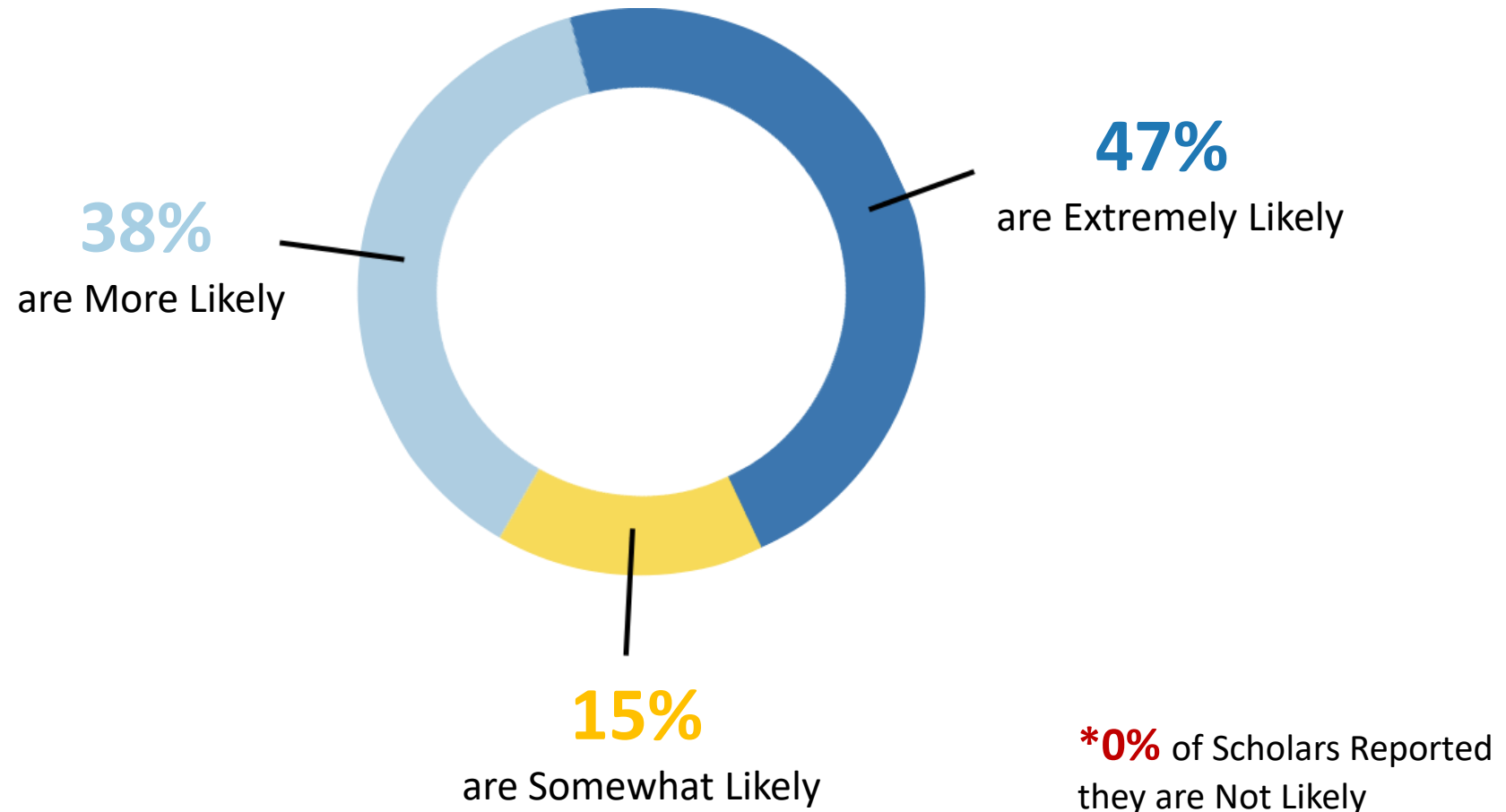
UC Merced Stats Fall 2020 Undergraduate Enrollment



UROC SURI Participation

	Total Students	% URM	% First Gen
2015	35	78%	92%
2016	60	80%	73%
2017	65	72%	65%
2018	86	75%	83%
2019	132	86%	84%
2020	114	74%	71%

Q17: Compared to your intentions BEFORE doing research, how likely are you to continue your education by enrolling in a graduate program?

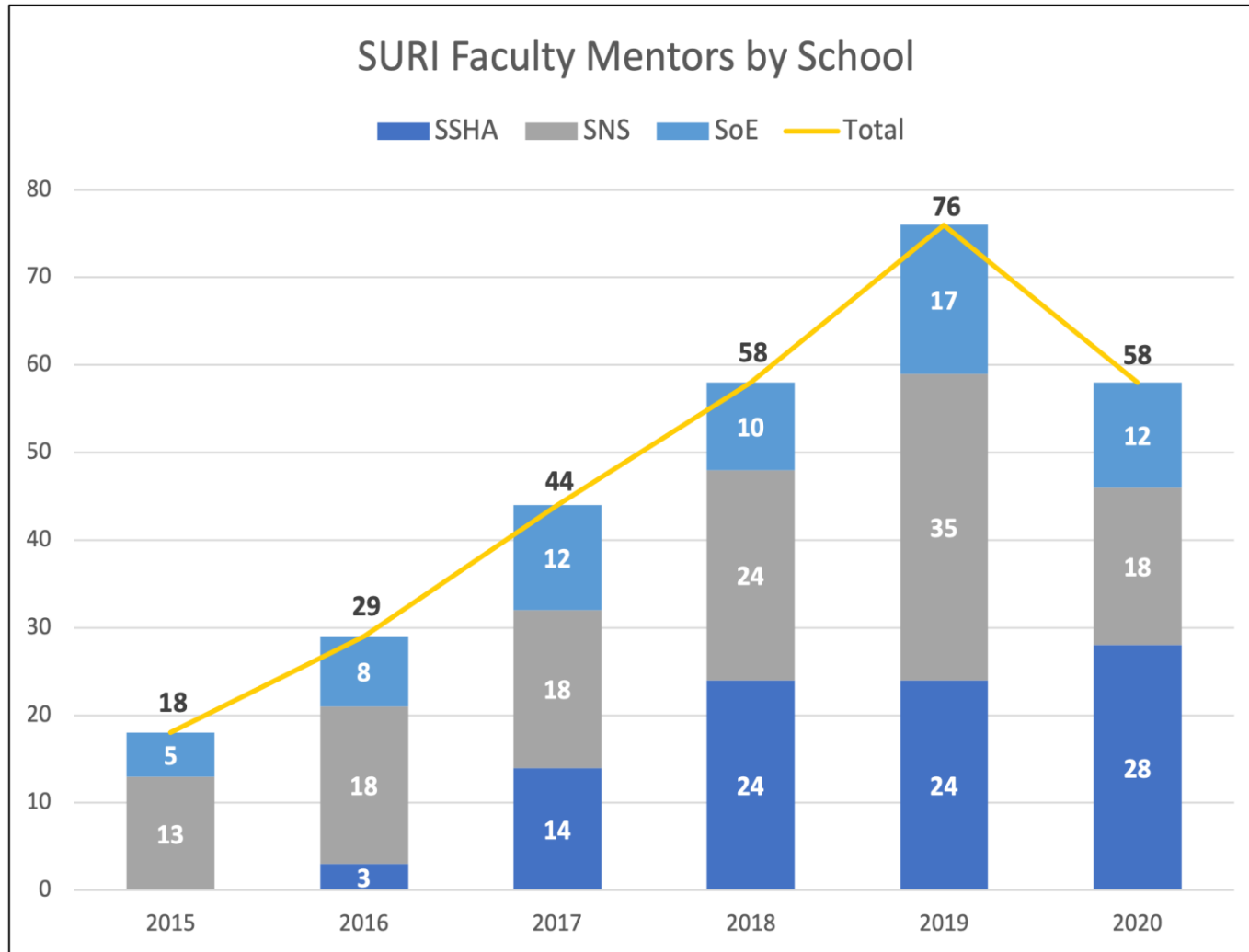




UC Merced Overall Alumni Outcomes

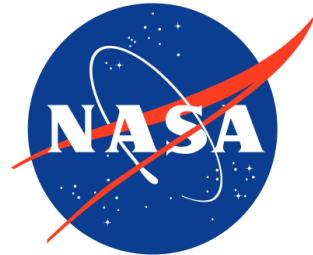
- Through December 2020, 27% (3,179) of UC Merced undergraduate alumni have gone on to a graduate level program.
 - Of these students, 44% (1,406) were underrepresented minority (URM).
- 60% of all UC Merced alumni identified as First Generation
- High percentage of URM and First Gen students going to graduate school

Increasing Faculty Partnerships



- Increased support for faculty grant submissions
 - 7 requests in previous 3 years
 - 10 letters of support in 2020
 - 19 already requested in 2021
- Department presentations and increased communication
- Mentor Training Development
 - Collaborating with graduate division, Center for Educational Teaching and Learning, and UROC Faculty Advisory Board

Collaborations with Faculty and Programs



Three UC-HBCU Initiative Grants Accepted



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