UCR Alumni Career Profile template

Please answer questions 1-2, and then pick your top 2-3 questions from the second batch, lastly, answer question 3 if you’re willing to share. Be sure to be specific in your answers. Send us a picture of yourself at work, either at your desk or in front of a sign with your company name on it.

The Alumni Association reserves the right to modify, deem inappropriate or follow up with you about your answers. Your profile will be featured on the UCR Alumni Blog and shared on LinkedIn.

Please email your answers and picture to Melissa McCrickard at melissam@ucr.edu.

1. What’s your name, UCR graduation year, UCR major, favorite UCR memory and a brief overview of your career path?
2. How did UCR prepare you for your career?
3. (Optional) Can a fellow alumni or student contact you regarding questions or concerns they have about careers?

Answer 2-3 questions of your choosing:
- What industry are you working within?
- What specialized degrees did you have to receive to obtain your job?
- What are some strategies you have for someone to break into your industry?
- Tell us a bit about your current work and how long you’ve been at it.
- What drove you to choose your career path?
- How did you go about getting your job? What kind of education and experience did you need?
- Did you need any licenses or certifications?
- What kinds of things do you do beyond what most people see? What do you actually spend the majority of your time doing?
- What misconceptions do people often have about your job?
- What are your average work hours?
- What personal tips and shortcuts have made your job easier?
- What do you do differently from your coworkers or peers in the same profession? What do they do instead?
- What’s the worst part of the job and how do you deal with it?
- What’s the most enjoyable part of the job?
- What kind of money can one expect to make at your job?
- How do you “move up” in your field?
- What do people under/over value about what you do?
- What advice would you give to those aspiring to join your profession?