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CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE & FOOD ENTERPRISE

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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN AGRICULTURE, FOOD, HEALTH, AND SCIENCE

**MISSION:** To leverage UCR’s resources to stimulate convergent efforts & multidisciplinary coordinated interventions to achieve a more sustainable and equitable agriculture and food system.

25+ departments connected from across 6 schools and colleges

180+ scholars focused on food and agriculture issue

25+ events and initiatives sponsored

$180M+ enabled proposals seeking funding for interdisciplinary projects

300+ students engaged in sustainability

**VISION:** To be the campus-based catalyst for shaping ideas into real-world solutions to impact science, policies and practices related to agriculture, food and sustainability for the betterment of the health and well-being of humanity and the planet.

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CAFÉ HAS 3 GOALS:

1. **Bridge the research to application gap**
   - Fueling collaborative entrepreneurial partnerships at UCR to shape ideas into Ag technologies.
   - Facilitating cross-communication and connections among researcher and extension specialists on our campus and stakeholders in our community. (GrowRiverside, Riverside Food Systems Alliance etc.)
   - Supporting opportunities for students and faculty to attend prominent networking events and system-wide programs (i.e. FFAR, USDA, CDFA etc.) to connect to funding agencies and other stakeholders.

2. **Spearhead multi-disciplinary innovative research**
   - Fueling 20+ collaborative large scale food system projects and other funding requests.
   - Convening interdisciplinary scholars across UCR on a quarterly basis to share Ag and food-focused research, teaching and outreach developments.
   - Spearheading the UCR Microbiome and Pollinator-Pollination Initiatives.

3. **Stimulate the creation and improvement of knowledge-based research, teaching and outreach**
   - Hosted a global conference on "Wedges against Global Hunger in 2050".
   - Sponsoring student led panels.
   - Identifying existing educational efforts and developing an interdisciplinary Sustainable Food Systems curriculum & experiential learning.
   - Co-organizing workshops and symposia with UCR Programs and beyond.

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...A MORE SUSTAINABLE AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM SUPPORTS FOOD SECURITY & JUSTICE, MAKES OPTIMAL USE OF NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES, IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND ECONOMICALLY FAIR, AND PROVIDES OUR COMMUNITIES WITH HEALTHFUL AND AFFORDABLE FOOD FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.