# Atkinson Presidency Timeline

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<td>National Research Council releases &quot;Research-Doctorate Programs in the United States,&quot; a comprehensive study of the quality of Ph.D. programs in American universities. UC as a system did remarkably well, with more than half of its 229 graduate programs ranked in the top twenty in the nation. When averages were computed for individual universities, Berkeley ranked first in the nation, San Diego tenth, and Los Angeles twelfth; the other nine institutions in the top twelve were all private universities.</td>
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<td>C. Judson King appointed provost and senior vice president, Academic Affairs.</td>
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<td>Regents authorize construction of headquarters in Oakland for the Office of the President.</td>
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<td>President Atkinson announces a new methodology for allocating state funds to the campuses. Among the changes are: most allocations to the campuses to be made as a single block of funds; indirect cost reimbursements to be returned to the campuses on the basis of how the dollars are generated; campuses to assume greater flexibility and responsibility for how funds are spent.</td>
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Aug. 1996  Commission on the Future of Medical Education appointed (Charles Wilson, M.D., chair).

Sept. 1996  Robert N. Shelton appointed vice provost for research.

Oct. 1996  Bruce B. Darling appointed vice president, University and External Relations.

Oct. 1996  Davis and Irvine campuses invited to join the Association of American Universities, bringing UC's membership to six campuses; the only university system in the nation with more than one AAU member.

Jan. 1997  President Atkinson establishes the UC Flood and Emergency Resource Task Force to assist the state in dealing with natural disasters.

Jan. 1997  President's Retreat on UC's Relationship with Industry in Research and Technology Transfer held at UCLA.

Jan. 1997  Carol Tomlinson-Keasey appointed vice provost for academic initiatives.


Mar. 1997  Albert Carnesale appointed fifth chancellor of UCLA.

Mar. 1997  All-University Conference on Teaching and Learning Technologies held at UCLA.

Mar. 1997  *New York Times* refers to the emergence of UC San Diego as a major research university, which had a great impact on the economy of the San Diego region, as the "Atkinson Miracle."


Apr. 1997  Presidential Medal awarded to UC benefactor Peter E. Haas, Sr.

Apr. 1997  President Atkinson establishes the Board on Research and Economic Development, a group of distinguished representatives from the private sector, to advise on future directions of the Industry-University Cooperative Research Program.

May 1997  Regents approve Mission Bay site for major expansion of UC San Francisco.

May 1997  UC joins with Caltech, the California State University, the California Institute of Technology, Stanford University, and
the University of Southern California in establishing the Consortium for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) to design and deploy CalREN-2, an advanced electronic superhighway that will link California’s universities to the national high-speed network.

May 1997  UC and its affiliated national laboratories produce more research leading to patented inventions than any other public or private research university or laboratory in the nation, according to a study by the National Science Foundation.

May 1997  Presidential Medal awarded to UC San Francisco chancellor Joseph B. Martin, M.D.

May 1997  Presidential Medal awarded to UCLA chancellor Charles E. Young.

June 1997  Hugh Graham presentation to the Regents on his study (with Nancy Diamond), The Rise of American Research Universities, which found that the UC system leads the nation in research excellence and productivity among public universities.


July 1997  UC and Mexico’s National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT) enter into the most comprehensive research and education collaboration ever established between a US university and Mexico.

Sept. 1997  Presidential Medal awarded to Los Alamos Laboratory director Siegfried Hecker.

Sept. 1997  Judith Boyette appointed associate vice president–benefits and human resources; reorganization of the merged benefits and human resources departments begins.

Sept. 1997  Regents approve five-year extension of UC’s contracts to manage the Department of Energy Laboratories at Los Alamos, Livermore, and Berkeley.

Sept. 1997  Regents approve creation of UCSF Stanford Health Care, a merger of the clinical enterprises of UC San Francisco and Stanford University, to sustain the competitiveness of both in the changing health-care marketplace.

Oct. 1997  Two UC faculty awarded the Nobel Prize: Paul D. Boyer (Chemistry, UCLA), Stanley Prusiner (Physiology or Medicine, UCSF).


Nov. 1997  Pathways, UC's online undergraduate admission information and application network, begins accepting applications.

Nov. 1997  Faculty committee releases academic planning recommendations for UC's tenth campus.

Nov. 1997  Regents approve health benefits for domestic partners of UC faculty and staff.

Nov. 1997  Regents approve 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, as the site for the UC Washington, DC Center. The UC Center will provide space for academic program and research activities and the Office of Federal Governmental Relations, as well as housing for 280 students.

Dec. 1997  President Atkinson approves naming of tenth campus "UC Merced."

Dec. 1997  UC Santa Barbara's school of environmental studies is renamed the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management in recognition of a major gift from the Bren Foundation. The Bren gift supports establishment of the University's first intercampus program of environmental study integrating natural and social sciences, business, and law curricula.

Jan. 1998  Outreach Action Plan announced at Regents' meeting.

Jan. 1998  Chancellor Emeritus Pister appointed senior associate to the president to coordinate UC's systemwide response to the recommendations of the Outreach Task Force Report.

Jan. 1998  For the third consecutive year, UC raises a record amount in contributions from alumni and friends, receiving $726.3 million in 1996-97.


Jan. 1998  UC announces applications from nearly 59,000 high school seniors for admission in fall 1998, an 8 percent increase from the previous year and the largest one-year jump in ten years.

Feb. 1998  President Atkinson announces title changes for Anne C. Broome (vice president, financial management) and Larry Hershman (vice president, budget).
Mar. 1998  President Atkinson appoints the President's Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources, a group of agricultural, business, consumer, and governmental leaders charged with advising UC on issues related to agriculture and natural resources.

Mar. 1998  Organizational plan for the newly merged UCOP human resources and benefits department announced.

Apr. 1998  J. Michael Bishop appointed eighth chancellor of UC San Francisco.

Apr. 1998  Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, vice provost for academic initiatives, given additional appointment as senior associate to the president for UC Merced.

Apr. 1998  Presidential Medal awarded to President Emeritus Clark Kerr.

May 1998  Presidential Medal awarded to George Deukmejian, former governor of California.

May 1998  A. Scott Sudduth appointed assistant vice president--federal governmental relations.

May 1998  President Atkinson announces the UC Engineering Initiative, a plan to help keep California's technology-based economy competitive with a 50 percent increase in the number of engineering and computer science students at UC by 2005.

May 1998  Office of the President relocates to 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, California.


July 1998  President Atkinson announces the Master of Advanced Study, a new systemwide degree program offering advanced professional education and advanced liberal studies for working adults.

Oct. 1998  Two UC faculty and one UC researcher awarded the Nobel Prize: Louis J. Ignarro, (Physiology or Medicine, UCLA), Walter Kohn (Chemistry, UCSB), Robert B. Laughlin (Physics, Livermore).

Nov. 1998  Governor-elect Gray Davis appoints President Atkinson to his Education Transition Group.

Nov. 1998  President Atkinson announces search for founding chancellor of UC Merced.
Jan. 1999  Governor Davis appoints President Atkinson as a member of the governor's delegation to visit Mexico to strengthen relationships in commerce and education.


Mar. 1999  Governor Davis appoints President Atkinson to the Commission on Building for the 21st Century, charged with developing a comprehensive plan for meeting California's infrastructure needs.

Mar. 1999  Regents approve Eligibility in the Local Context, which grants UC freshman eligibility to students in the top 4 percent of all California high schools.

Mar. 1999  President Atkinson establishes the California Studies Fellowship program at the universitywide Humanities Research Institute to support research and scholarship on the history and culture of California.

Mar. 1999  California House, jointly sponsored by UC and the California Trade and Commerce Agency, established in London to stimulate academic and commercial exchange between the United Kingdom and California.

Apr. 1999  Presidential Medal awarded to former UC San Francisco chancellor Haile T. Debas.

May 1999  The Koret Foundation awards President Atkinson and Stanford University president Gerhard Casper the Koret Prize for preeminent contributions to American education.

May 1999  Presidential Medal awarded to the president of Mexico, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León.

May 1999  President Atkinson establishes the University of California Commission on the Humanities to examine the challenges the humanities and humanities scholars face in higher education and recommend ways to address them.

July 1999  Carol Tomlinson-Keasey appointed founding chancellor of UC Merced.

Oct. 1999  UC Medical Student Diversity Task Force appointed to examine short- and longer-term trends in the admission and enrollment of underrepresented minority students at UC medical schools.

Oct. 1999  President Atkinson announces creation of the position vice president-educational outreach to strengthen
oversight of UC's growing outreach and K-12 programs and appoints Karl S. Pister to the post.

Oct. 1999 Pierce's Disease Task Force established to mobilize the University's scientific and technical expertise to help combat Pierce's disease, a threat to the state's wine and grape industries.


Nov. 1999 Regents authorize President Atkinson to take the necessary steps to dissolve UCSF Stanford Health Care.

Dec. 1999 President Atkinson establishes in the Office of the President the Center for Teaching and Learning Technologies to coordinate both campus and universitywide efforts to develop various digital approaches to education, including e-learning.


Feb. 2000 President Atkinson designates Veterans Day (November 11) as an official University of California holiday.

Mar. 2000 Presidential Medal awarded to Sidney Drell, former chair of the University of California President's Council on the National Laboratories and professor of physics at Stanford University.


Mar. 2000 Alex Saragoza appointed vice president–educational outreach.


May 2000 Cerro Grande fire near Los Alamos National Laboratory destroys over 200 residential dwellings and requires closing of the Laboratory from May 8 - May 22.

May 2000 Two hard drives containing classified information about disarming nuclear weapons discovered missing at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

May 2000 Regents approve change in title for Bruce B. Darling to senior vice president–university and external relations.
May 2000  Julius Zelmanowitz appointed vice provost for academic initiatives.

May 2000  Governor Davis and UC confirm a partnership agreement to provide the University with a 4 percent annual increase in state general funds, plus support for enrollment growth and other key areas.

June 2000  Missing hard drives found at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

June 2000  Presidential Citation of Excellence awarded to Director of Personnel Edna Coleman-Smith.

June 2000  UC receives an 18 percent operating budget increase in the 2000-01 state budget approved by Governor Davis. Capital budget includes $75 million to create three California Institutes for Science and Innovation, which will focus on scientific and engineering research and teaching in fields key to the future of the California economy.

July 2000  UC Institute for Labor and Employment established.

July 2000  Six finalists for California Institutes for Science and Technology announced:
  • Systems Biology (UC Irvine)
  • Agricultural Genomics (UC Riverside, UC Berkeley, and UC Davis)
  • Communications and Information Technology (UC San Diego and UC Irvine)
  • Nanosystems (UC Los Angeles and UC Santa Barbara)
  • Information Technology in the Interest of Society (UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, and UC Merced)
  • Bioengineering, Biotechnology, and Quantitative Biomedicine (UC San Francisco, UC Berkeley, and UC Santa Cruz)

Sept. 2000  Regents approve mandatory student health insurance for undergraduates, making UC the first multicampus university system to adopt a policy of mandatory student health insurance.

Sept. 2000  President Atkinson requests the Academic Senate to review a "dual admissions" proposal that would supplement current admissions procedures.


Sept. 2000  President Atkinson receives the National Leadership Award from the US Small Business Administration for
his role, as chancellor of UC San Diego, in forging industry-university-government partnerships that contributed to the economic revitalization of the San Diego region.

Oct. 2000 Three UC faculty awarded the Nobel Prize: Professor Alan J. Heeger (Chemistry, Santa Barbara); Professor Herbert Kroemer (Physics, Santa Barbara); and Professor Daniel L. McFadden (Economics, Berkeley).


Dec. 2000 Governor Davis and President Atkinson announce creation of four California Institutes for Science and Innovation at Los Angeles (nanotechnology), San Diego (telecommunications and information technology), San Francisco (bioengineering, biotechnology, and quantitative medicine), and Berkeley (information technology).

Dec. 2000 Chair Sue Johnson and President Atkinson appoint the Commission on the Growth and Support of Graduate Education to help UC meet its goal of adding at least 11,000 graduate students over the next decade.

Jan. 2001 President Atkinson announces a series of steps UC will take to move towards greater energy independence in response to California’s energy crisis.

Jan. 2001 Regents approve extension to 2005 of UC’s contracts with the Department of Energy to manage the Los Alamos and Livermore National Laboratories.

Feb. 2001 In the Robert H. Atwell Distinguished Lecture at the annual meeting of the American Council on Education, President Atkinson announces two proposals he has asked the Academic Senate of the University of California to consider: 1) that the University eliminate aptitude tests as a requirement for admission and replace them with appropriate achievement tests and 2) that the University move away from its tiered system of admissions and toward procedures that look at applicants in a more comprehensive way.

Mar. 2001 Governor Davis, Mexico president Vicente Fox, and President Atkinson inaugurate the high-speed Internet2 link between California and Mexico.

Apr. 2001 David Russ appointed treasurer of the Regents and vice president-- investments.
Apr. 2001  Alex Saragoza resigns as vice president--educational outreach. Manuel Gómez appointed interim vice president.

May 2001  John McTague appointed vice president--laboratory management.

May 2001  Regents unanimously approve RE-28, which rescinds SP-1 and SP-2 and reaffirms the University's commitment to a diverse student body and to shared governance in determining admissions criteria.

July 2001  In a keynote address at the annual meeting of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in San Francisco, President Atkinson discusses his proposals for change in UC's admissions policies: Eligibility in the Local Context; Dual Admissions; comprehensive review of applicants; and replacement of the SAT I with standardized tests tied to the high school curriculum.

July 2001  Regents approve Dual Admissions Program.

Aug. 2001  Lawrence Coleman appointed vice provost for research.

Oct. 2001  Nobel Prize awarded to Professor George Akerlof (Economics, Berkeley).

Oct. 2001  In response to the governor's executive order following the September 11th terrorist attacks, the University provides Governor Davis with an inventory of UC research and expertise related to terrorism that could be useful to the state in combating terrorist threats.

Oct. 2001  Vice President--Health Affairs Michael Drake appointed to the State Strategic Committee on Terrorism's subcommittee on strategies to protect public health.

Oct. 2001  Governor Davis asks all state-funded programs to consider options for cuts of up to 15 percent in light of the state's economic downturn.

Nov. 2001  Presidential Medal awarded to former chancellor and laboratory director Herbert F. York.

Nov. 2001  Regents approve admissions policy instituting comprehensive review of UC undergraduate applicants.

Nov. 2001  UC and the California State University agree to create a joint board to develop, fund, and expedite proposals for joint doctorate in education (EdD) programs.

Nov. 2001  UCLA vice chancellor for student affairs Winston Doby appointed vice president--educational outreach.
Dec. 2001  UC MEXUS and the California Council on Science and Technology present a workshop on technology transfer for representatives from Mexico's CONACYT and Mexican universities and industry, in follow up to the 1997 UC-CONACYT agreement to foster educational and research cooperation.

Jan. 2002  UC's Commission on the Growth and Support of Graduate Education concludes that to serve California's needs by 2010, UC must increase graduate student enrollment by at least 11,000 students (a nearly 50 percent increase).

Jan. 2002  Regents approve tuition exemption program to allow certain non-resident students, including undocumented immigrants, to pay in-state fees if they have attended at least three years and graduated from a California high school.

Jan. 2002  Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools issues discussion paper recommending the use of a core achievement examination in admissions covering mastery of the fundamental disciplines needed for University-level work.

Feb. 2002  The United States District Court names UC as lead plaintiff in the shareholders' class action lawsuit against senior executives of the Enron Corporation and the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen.

Apr. 2002  UC files a consolidated complaint in the US District Court, adding nine financial institutions, two law firms, and other new individual defendants in its lawsuit against senior executives of the Enron Corporation and Arthur Andersen.

Apr. 2002  UC recalls its Education Abroad Program students studying in Israel due to escalated violence in the Middle East.

Apr. 2002  France Córdova named seventh chancellor of UC Riverside.

Apr. 2002  Governor Davis signs legislation providing funding for the California Institutes for Science and Innovation and for construction of the first classroom building at UC Merced.

May 2002  UC Washington Center officially dedicated.

May 2002  California Latino Legislative Caucus honors President Atkinson in the State Capitol Rotunda for his dedication
in preserving academic quality and excellence.

May 2002 Regents vote to extend to eligible UC employees with domestic partners the same retirement benefits offered married UC employees.

May 2002 Presidential Medal awarded to Richard A. Lerner, M.D., president of the Scripps Research Institute, for his efforts in the creation of the California Institutes for Science and Innovation.

May 2002 Universitywide Assembly of the Academic Senate votes 47-0 (with one abstention) to approve the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools' recommendation of the use of a core achievement examination in admissions that measures mastery of fundamental disciplines needed for success in higher education.

June 2002 Michael R. Anastasio named ninth director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

June 2002 UC suspends its fall 2002 Education Abroad Program in India due to mounting tensions between India and Pakistan.

June 2002 The College Board trustees unanimously vote to develop a new SAT I. This new test will be in accord with the specifications developed earlier in the year by UC's Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools.

June 2002 Cesar Chavez Day in March officially designated a universitywide holiday to honor the late California farm workers' labor leader.

July 2002 UC and various sister institutions announce the creation of the Institute for Complex Adaptive Matter--an international multicampus organization to promote trans-disciplinary collaborations between physical and biological scientists worldwide.

Aug. 2002 President Atkinson honored by the American Psychological Association with its Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to Psychology award.

Aug. 2002 President Atkinson announces his intention to convene a forum of experts to explore issues of academic standards and freedom, free speech, and constitutional law to help guide the University on the subject of standards for course descriptions.
Sept. 2002  The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding; Presidential Medals are awarded to its second director, Edward Teller, its third director, Harold Brown, its fourth director, John S. Foster, Jr., and its fifth director, Michael M. May.

Sept. 2002  The UC San Diego School of Pharmacy welcomes its first class of twenty-five Doctor of Pharmacy students.

Oct. 2002  Carol Tomlinson-Keasey inaugurated as the first chancellor of the University of California, Merced.

Nov. 2002  President Atkinson announces his intention to retire October 1, 2003.

Nov. 2002  Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools issues report finding the comprehensive review policy, adopted in November 2001, has been implemented successfully and has maintained the academic strength of the freshman class.

Nov. 2002  Managers at the Los Alamos National Laboratory fire two employees responsible for investigating the loss or theft of government property.

Dec. 2002  Governor Davis proposes $74 million in mid-year funding cuts for UC in response to a state budget deficit estimated at more than $21 billion.

Dec. 2002  A special review team appointed in November by President Atkinson recommends nine actions the Los Alamos National Laboratory should take regarding allegations of the loss or theft of government property and other business practice issues.

Dec. 2002  The Board of Regents adopts mid-year cuts in non-instructional areas of the University's budget and approves a $135-per-quarter student fee increase that will take effect with the spring 2003 term (the first increase in mandatory systemwide student fees in eight years).

Jan. 2003  John C. Browne resigns as director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory; George P. Nanos appointed interim director; John McTague resigns as vice president--laboratory management; Senior Vice President Bruce B. Darling appointed interim vice president--laboratory management.

Jan. 2003  Governor Davis proposes nearly $300 million in new state funding cuts for UC as part of his 2003-04 state budget proposal.
Jan. 2003 The two investigators fired from the Los Alamos National Laboratory are placed under contract to the UC Office of the President at their former salary, retroactive to the date of their dismissal.

Feb. 2003 Senior Vice President Bruce Darling testifies before the House Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations on issues related to the business and management practices at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Mar. 2003 Regents' meeting postponed due to concerns over the start of the war in Iraq.

Mar. 2003 Senior Vice President Bruce Darling testifies for a second time before the House Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations on issues related to the business and management practices at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Apr. 2003 The Los Alamos National Laboratory celebrates its 60th anniversary; Presidential Medal awarded to Harold M. Agnew, third director of the Laboratory.

Apr. 2003 An external review team hired by the University to independently investigate procurement practices at Los Alamos National Laboratory issues its report recommending a number of corrective actions, in addition to those already implemented by UC and the Laboratory.

Apr. 2003 UC recalls students from its Education Abroad Program in China due to concerns about Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).


Apr. 2003 The California Digital Library unveils a new state-of-the-art online catalog of the millions of books, journals, etc. held by the ten campus libraries.

Apr. 2003 UC and the Monterey Institute of International Studies enter into preliminary discussions with respect to the Institute becoming part of the University.

May 2003 President Atkinson, Senior Vice President Bruce Darling, Vice President Anne Broome, and University Auditor Patrick Reed testify before the House Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations on issues related to the Los Alamos National Laboratory.
President Atkinson selected to receive the Vannevar Bush Award from the National Science Board for his lifetime contributions to the nation in science and technology.

The Office of the President issues guidelines to assist campus officials in ensuring compliance with Centers for Disease Control recommendations regarding Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

In his May Revision, Governor Davis proposes no additional budget cuts for the University beyond those proposed in January.

The Board of Regents vote 15-3, with one abstention, to oppose the state ballot initiative, Classification by Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin (CRECNO), that would prohibit the use of racial classification by local governments and public entities.

President Atkinson announces his intention to appoint George P. Nanos the permanent director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

President Atkinson awarded the University of Chicago Alumni Medal.

Regents announce the selection of Robert C. Dynes as the eighteenth president of the University.

In the face of an increasingly dire state budget crisis, the Regents vote to raise 2003-04 student fees 25 percent above their current level and to give President Atkinson authority to increase the fee hike to 30 percent if the state's budget situation requires it.

Regents approve amendment to the Faculty Code of Conduct prohibiting faculty from entering into consensual romantic or sexual relationships with any student for whom the faculty member has, or is likely to have, academic responsibility.

Regents approve changes in the University's admissions test policy so that admissions tests taken by freshmen entering the University of California in 2006 will be more closely aligned to the high school curriculum.

George P. Nanos named seventh director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Presidential Medal awarded to Senior Vice President Bruce B. Darling.

The state legislature adopts a 2003-04 state budget that will
2003 lead to deep cuts in non-instructional programs at the University of California, a 30 percent student fee increase, a one-year delay in the opening of UC Merced, and no funding for salary increases for faculty and staff. Additionally, the legislature indicates the state will not provide funding in 2004-05 for student enrollment growth, employee salary increases, or other inflationary cost increases at UC.

Aug. 2003 UC and Eolas Technologies, Inc. win a verdict against Microsoft Corporation in a patent infringement suit and are awarded $520.6 million in damages.

Sept. 2003 Due to deep budget cuts, UC is unable to consider the applications of about 1,500 California Community College transfer students and 100 freshmen seeking winter admission and refunds all application fees to the affected students.

Sept. 2003 BOARS issues report saying that measures of academic excellence have grown stronger under the comprehensive review policy. The proportions of students admitted to selective campuses from low-income families, families with no previous experience with college, low-performing schools and rural areas are also higher than before the policy was implemented in 2001.

Sept. 2003 President Atkinson presents, as a personal gift to the University, the Richard C. Atkinson Photographic Archive—a collection of 450 photographs by noted photographer Alan Nyiri documenting the architecture found on UC’s campuses.

Oct. 2003 President Atkinson retires as the University of California’s seventeenth president.