

Student Profile

Joy Mina, Full-Time MBA Class of 2019



Your Time at UCI

What made you decide to pursue a graduate degree?

After an extensive internship experience and several years in the workplace full time, I realized I understood software and hardware, but I wanted to work with people. I didn't want to sit in a cubicle writing code all day.

Armed with that insight, I spent the next six months researching and talking with colleagues, before deciding to go into software product management. And I knew an MBA would help me learn business strategy,

marketing and finance, and hone my presentation skills.

Why did you choose to come to UCI?

I considered other schools, but Merage offered smaller classes and the opportunity to make a difference. Merage provides an intimate, focused space.

What are your hobbies/passions outside of research?

Being outdoors without cell service and traveling to experience a new culture

Reflections

What are you most proud of accomplishing (so far) in your graduate program?

I was lucky enough to begin my dream MBA internship this Summer in product management at Verizon Digital Media Services, supporting a platform that manages 7% of all global internet traffic.

Career

What do you see yourself doing in five or ten years?

With focus and determination, I plan to be in the C-suite within 15 to 20 years. I also plan to balance work with play at every step.