

Alumni Profile

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Your Time at UCI

What made you decide to pursue a graduate degree?

I fell in love with public health while working at a health care agency devoted to combatting mosquito populations and other vectors of harmful diseases. I knew that I wanted to pursue a career in public health, and I felt that the best way to start would be by going back to school for a graduate degree 😊

Why did you choose to come to UCI?

I liked that the program had a small cohort size and a great student-to-faculty ratio. Since I planned on commuting to save money, I appreciated that the campus was not too far from my home in Long Beach.

If you are conducting research, how would you explain your research and its significance to your grandparent?

I would tell my grandparents that research is the foundation of our greatest achievements in healthcare. I would explain to them that good research can help to identify our strengths and pinpoint areas that need improvement. Equipped with this knowledge, we can best serve public health.

What are your hobbies/passions outside of research?

I love traveling, exploring new places to eat and drink in LA, and making the most out of my MoviePass by shamelessly using it at least once a week!

Reflections

What is your most memorable moment/experience at UCI to date?

My favorite experience was getting to travel with my cohort to Denver to attend the 2016 APHA conference. We all stayed together in one house and had a blast exploring the city each night.

Career

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

I would love to be a leader in healthcare and an expert in my field. I hope to continue to be involved in interesting and impactful research projects, especially those that support underserved communities in developing countries.