



## UC-HBCU Fellows

The UC-HBCU Initiative seeks to increase the number of HBCU graduates completing UC PhD programs and support faculty efforts to strengthen UC academic programs and departments by investing in relationships and efforts between UC faculty and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). During the Initiative's first twelve summers, UC hosted 920 scholars across ten UC campuses. As a direct result of this Initiative, eighty-five PhD students, three academic master's students and one professional degree (D.D.S.) are currently enrolled at UC; eighteen students have earned master's degrees, and thirty-four fellows have completed PhDs.

### PhD Graduates (by completion year)

Name	Campus	Major	Year Completed	Employment
Lois Harmon	Santa Barbara	Education	2017	Founder and CEO, IMPACT - Influencing and Motivating People According to Christ's Teachings
Justin McClinton	Santa Barbara	Education	2018	Visiting Professor of Leadership Studies, Morehouse College
Nailah Seale	San Diego	Bioengineering	2018	Associate Director, Global Oncology Medical Affairs, Daiichi Sankyo, a pharma company.
Camille Gaynus	Los Angeles	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	2019	Assistant Teaching Professor, Penn State Brandywine (tenure track); Chief Science Officer, Black in Marine Science (BIMS); was a UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow
Tiara Moore	Los Angeles	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	2019	Black in Marine Science (BIMS) Program Lead, Nature Conservancy, Seattle
Chandler Puritty	San Diego	Biological Sciences	2019	<i>If campus has update, please provide.</i>
Charles Williams	Santa Barbara	Education	2019	Academic Advisor, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis
Alexandria Igwe	Davis	Microbiology	2020	Currently NSF Postdoc and secured an Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences at Virginia Tech (tenure track) position starting in 2024
Amber Withers	Los Angeles	History	2020	Program Officer, Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation
Amirah Saafir	Los Angeles	Education	2020	Assistant Professor, Child and Adolescent Studies, CSU Fullerton (tenure track)
Yatta Kiazolu	Los Angeles	History	2020	Assistant Professor, UC Irvine (tenure track); was a UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow at UC San Diego
Chidera Alim	Davis	Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Physiology	2021	Postdoc Fellow, UC Davis
James Pratt	Irvine	Criminology, Law and Society	2021	Associate Professor at Fisk University (tenure track)

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Jeremy Blackstone	San Diego	Computer Science and Engineering	2021	Assistant Professor at Howard University (tenure track)
Olumayowa Adegboyega	Davis	Anthropology	2022	Postdoc Fellowship at Duke University
Brittany Botts	Berkeley	African American Studies	2022	Postdoc, UCSF
Daril Brown	San Diego	Electrical Engineering	2022	Postdoc, UC Davis
Nkechinyere Chidi-Ogbolu	Davis	Biomedical Engineering	2022	Scientific Consultant at Boston Consulting Group
Symone Gyles	Los Angeles	Education	2022	Assistant Professor, UC Irvine (tenure track)
Christian Henry	Los Angeles	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	2022	Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow at UC Berkeley
Erin Manaigo	Davis	Soils and Biogeochemistry	2022	Sustainability Consultant, Rooted Homes
Alicia Sheares	Berkeley	Sociology	2022	Assistant Professor, Management Science and Engineering Dept., Stanford University (tenure track); was a UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow
Carlisa Simon	Los Angeles	Education	2022	Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Maryland
Josiah Sweeting	Irvine	Psychology	2022	Senior Program Analyst, State Bar of California
Christian Aganze	San Diego	Physics	2023	Science Fellow, Stanford University
Kofi Amoah	Los Angeles	Bioinformatics	2023	Postdoc, UCLA
Audrey Devost	Los Angeles	Education	2023	Postdoc, Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, UCLA
Tsegerada Esatu	Berkeley	Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	2023	<a href="https://light.berkeley.edu/o/from-ethiopia-to-berkeley-and-back-again/">https://light.berkeley.edu/o/from-ethiopia-to-berkeley-and-back-again/</a>
Shalanda Grier	Los Angeles	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	2023	Postdoc Fellow at UC Santa Barbara
Tameisha Hinton	Santa Barbara	Education	2023	<i>If campus has update, please provide.</i>
Kabian Ritter	Davis	Energy Systems	2023	Research Scientist, Stealth Mode
Tara Spencer	San Diego	Biology	2023	Visiting Lecturer, UC San Diego (remote)
Rasheed Sule	Davis	Biochemistry, Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology	2023	Postdoc fellow, Center for Mitochondrial and Epigenomic Medicine, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

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Kevin White	San Diego	Neurosciences	2023	Medical Writer, Health and Wellness Partners LLC

## Master's Graduates

\*Eighteen students have earned master's degrees.

**Campus breakdown:**

UC Berkeley – 5 students  
 UC Davis – 3 students  
 UCLA – 5 students

UC Riverside – 2 students  
 UC San Diego – 1 student  
 UC Santa Barbara – 2 students

**Discipline breakdown:**

STEM (8)  
 Other Health Science (Public Health) (4)  
 Humanities/Social Sciences (2)

Professional (2)  
 Education (2)

\*includes one UC-HBCU fellow who completed a master's degree and went to enroll in and complete a separate Ph.D. program