

Crafting Experts in the Art and Science of Beer

UC Davis Professional Brewing Programs

From a one-day homebrewing course launched in 1976 to today's internationally recognized **Master Brewers Certificate Program**, UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education programs have been at the forefront of brewing education in the United States and the world.

Great Brewers Are Created Here

Since 2000, more than 800 brewers have earned our Master Brewers credential—many going on to enjoy successful careers in the brewing industry. In 2022 we added an online pathway to certification, opening virtual doors for brewers around the world, with an optional in-person boot camp where participants spend a full week learning at our state-of-the-art facilities.

In addition to our flagship certificate program we offer courses in brewing science, quality and the business of craft beer to benefit brewers at all skill levels.

Infused With UC Davis Values

Our courses give industry professionals access to UC Davis' award-winning instructors, world-class facilities, and signature values of sustainability and diversity. At our groundbreaking LEED Platinum-certified facility, faculty are developing new ways to remain sustainable in a changing world—from experimenting with drought-tolerant barley crops to upcycling waste streams from beermaking into energy sources that can then be used to fuel the brewing process. And with our Tapping Potential scholarships, we've seeded a global network of women and underrepresented brewers.



We talk with a lot of breweries, and the main thing we hear is the need for people with formal training. ... There are a lot of technical, complicated components that brewers need to think about and having this formal training gives breweries confidence in the people they are hiring.

-Glen Fox, Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Malting and Brewing Science at UC Davis

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When I landed my first beer job in 2016 as a spokesperson for a brewery, a film crew declined my offer to answer their questions because they said they “needed someone with competence.” -Lana Svitankova, beer writer, photographer, translator, and Ukraine’s first ever Certified Cicerone

Lana Svitankova, a Kyiv-based writer dedicated to Ukraine’s beer culture, is one of several women awarded the 2023 Tapping Potential diversity scholarship. Fellow recipient Chijundu Onwuchekwa, a quality control supervisor at West Africa’s first microbrewery, aims to open the first female-led brewery in Nigeria. And beer sommelier Nadhine França—the first woman president of Brazilian Craft Beer Association Abracerva—is launching a new brewing career in Budapest. For them, our programs offer more than an excellent education—they confer a mark of respect in an industry where women are working to establish themselves as equals.

Scholarships Support the Next Generation

[UC Davis Professional Brewing Scholarships](#)

recognize academic and professional excellence and increase diversity and cross-cultural understanding in the industry. The Tapping Potential Diversity Scholarships support students who have experience and understanding of the barriers traditionally faced by people from underrepresented populations, while our named and endowed scholarships are directed toward a variety of priorities.

Big Experience With Small Breweries

Northern California is home to hundreds of breweries, offering the potential for internships that let student brewers experience the profession from every angle. While many larger companies offer paid internships, most independent breweries don’t have the financial capacity to do so. We envision a fund that will support paid internships at smaller breweries—creating a win-win for the industry.

Your generosity can open doors to our professional brewing programs for students around the world while preparing the next generation of experienced, diverse leaders who will guide the industry forward.



Chijundu Onwuchekwa at Bature Brewery, Lagos, Nigeria

Giving Opportunities

Fund Scholarships

Your gift will expand opportunities for the next generation of industry leaders.

Internships at Small Breweries

Launch our initiative to fund internships with independent and craft partners.