

The School of Physical Sciences presents

Anteater Spotlight

Zepyoor Khechadorian



Meet Zepyoor Khechadorian, a fourth year Physics major,

Zepyoor comes from an Armenian family and grew up near Los Angeles, CA. She entered UCI in the Fall of 2013 knowing very well that she wanted to pursue a field in STEM, but she first believed engineering was the best option for her. At the start of her second year, Zepyoor received the ARCS Scholarship while she was still an engineering student. She switched to physics after discovering particle physics because it made her realize she was much more passionate about learning the fundamental science of our universe as opposed to the higher-level work that is common in engineering. As a Physics student, Zepyoor received the Herbert H. Chen Award in 2017, otherwise known as the Outstanding Junior in Physics Award.

Outside of classes, Zepyoor is a very involved student holding many leadership positions. She has been an officer of the Society of Physics (SPS) Club for two years, with her work involving helping to plan club events outside the usual club meetings. Zepyoor is also the undergraduate representative on the Committee on Inclusive Excellence for the Physics Department, whose goal is to help promote an environment that is supportive of diversity and inclusiveness.

In her free time, Zepyoor enjoys practicing and playing the guitar. She doesn't get to do this as much as she would like, but looks forward to playing more once she graduates.



In light of Zepyoor's many achievements, she offers the following advice to students on how to get involved at UCI and be successful:

Talk to faculty! This is the best way to get involved in research since UCI is a research institution.

Outside of research, clubs are great to try out if you feel you may enjoy making friends within a certain community of people, such as physics students or running enthusiasts.

As difficult as it may be sometimes, avoiding procrastination has made the biggest difference for me in classes.

Appreciate and take full advantage of all the resources you are granted access to as a UCI student—this includes talking to faculty and fellow graduate students during office hours.

Well, we think that you are awesome, Zepyoor! We fully believe that you will accomplish all of your goals! Congratulations on being selected Spotlight Student for Spring 2018!

