UC San Diego

Defining the Future of the Public Research University

POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AND WORLD

The University of California, San Diego, founded in 1960, has emerged as a premier teaching institution, an economic engine and a research powerhouse with a strong commitment to public service. For more than a decade, UC San Diego has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top ten public universities. Today, the campus is a model and leader with transformative impact on public higher education.

Outstanding faculty are a hallmark of UC San Diego. Our students learn directly from leading scholars, including the 16 Nobel laureates who have taught at UC San Diego in the past five decades. Ninety current faculty members, including Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, are members of one or more of the three prestigious national academies: the National Academy of Sciences (43), the National Academy of Engineering (18) and the Institute of Medicine (29). And exceptional innovators such as former faculty member Irwin Jacobs, co-founder of Qualcomm Inc. and National Medal of Technology recipient, have shaped and led the campus.

We are committed to being a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university that provides opportunity for all.

UC San Diego Chancellor
Pradeep K. Khosla

The collaborations UC San Diego has forged with its partner institutions on the Torrey Pines mesa enhance San Diego’s global reputation for cutting-edge science and discovery. Our partners include other world-renowned institutions such as the Kavli Institute for Brain and Mind at UC San Diego, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, Sapphire Energy, The Scripps Research Institute, Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine, and Qualcomm.

The campus’s billion-dollar research enterprise translates inquiry and exploration into innovations, medical breakthroughs, jobs and new businesses in San Diego and California. UC San Diego faculty, staff and alumni have started 650 companies, including many of San Diego’s most prominent biotech and technology firms. The total estimated annual sales of active UC San Diego-related companies including those utilizing licensed technology is $25.7 billion.

UC San Diego is a magnet for leading minds and uncommon scholars. It fosters a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation that uniquely positions the campus to play a critical role in addressing societal challenges that will improve the planet and humankind.