At the University of California San Diego, we constantly push boundaries and challenge expectations. Established in 1960, UC San Diego has been shaped by exceptional scholars who aren't afraid to take risks and redefine conventional wisdom. Today, as one of the top 15 research universities in the world, we are driving innovation and change to advance society, propel economic growth and make our world a better place.

UC San Diego's main campus is located near the Pacific Ocean on 1,200 acres of coastal woodland in La Jolla, California. The campus sits on the ancestral homelands of the Kumeyaay Nation. Kumeyaay people continue to have an important and thriving presence in the region. UC San Diego's rich academic portfolio includes six undergraduate colleges, five academic divisions and five graduate and professional schools.

By the Numbers

#1	UC San Diego enrolls the largest number of students among colleges and universities in San Diego County.
35,821	Total campus enrollment (as of Fall 2016)
88,451	Freshman applicants for 2017
4.12	Admitted freshman average high school GPA
$4.3 billion	Fiscal year 2014-15 revenues; 22% of this total is revenue from contracts and grants, most of which is from the federal government for research.
7%	Total educational appropriations from the State of California; yet a small investment in UC San Diego results in significant impact to the region's economy, workforce and businesses.
59%	Percentage of undergraduate students who received financial aid in the 2014-15 academic year.
$1.012 billion	Research funding secured during fiscal year 2014-15 to support research in all fields. One of the nation's 10 largest centers for science, engineering and medicine, UC San Diego's research funding has surpassed $1 billion four times in the past six years.
8,058	Number of undergraduate and graduate degrees conferred in 2016
170,000+	Number of UC San Diego alumni worldwide; 26% live in San Diego County, contributing income, payroll, property and sales taxes to the region
	67.7% live in California, with the highest percentage (26%) in San Diego
	6.9% live in the United States (outside of California)
	<1% live abroad
	24.9% address data unavailable
16	Number of Nobel laureates who have taught on campus
161	Memberships held by current and emeriti faculty, including Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, in one or more of the three prestigious National Academies; the National Academy of Sciences (84), National Academy of Engineering (27) and National Academy of Medicine (50).
4	Scripps Institution of Oceanography operates three research vessels and an innovative *Floating Instrument Platform* (FLIP), enabling faculty, students and researchers to address our planet's most pressing environmental challenges within a cutting-edge mobile laboratory. In 2016, the Navy-owned *R/V Sally Ride* became the newest addition to the Scripps Fleet and is considered one of the most technologically advanced oceanographic research vessels in the world.
30	Sustainability is part of UC San Diego's institutional DNA. More than 30 campus structures are equipped with solar panels and more than a dozen buildings are LEED certified; wireless sensors are situated across campus to determine the best time to gain and expend energy; and more than half of the campus community utilizes alternative transportation.

Global and National Rankings

1st for Positive Impact	In 2016, UC San Diego was ranked the top public university in the nation by the *Washington Monthly's College Guide* based on the positive impact the university has had on the country in terms of enabling social mobility, research productivity and civic engagement.

#1 for Women Graduates in STEM	According to a study by BestColleges.com, UC San Diego is 1st in the nation for enrolling and graduating the most women with majors in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). In addition, UC San Diego's proportion of STEM graduates is three times the national average.
Changemaker Campus	UC San Diego was been designated as a Changemaker Campus in 2017 by Ashoka U for its role as a leader in social innovation education. Only 40 universities around the world have received this designation and UC San Diego is the first University of California campus to be recognized.
Best High School in San Diego County	The Preuss School UCSD—a charter middle and high school for low-income students who strive to become the first in their families to graduate from college—was ranked the best high school in San Diego County by U.S. News & World Report in their 2017 list of "Best High Schools." Preuss was also ranked among the top five high schools in the State of California and among the top 15 charter high schools nationwide. And in 2017, Preuss was named one of "America's Most Challenging High Schools" in The Washington Post's annual rankings of how successfully schools challenge their students.
Top Research Output	UC San Diego was ranked 6th in the nation for total research output by the journal *Nature* in their 2016 index. The university also currently ranks 5th in the nation for total research and development expenditures by the *National Science Foundation (NSF).*
7th Best Public University in the World	UC San Diego was named the seventh best public university across the globe by Times Higher Education World University Rankings. In its 2016–17 report, the London-based publication named UC San Diego 22nd in the United States and 41st internationally. Times also ranked UC San Diego the world's top "Golden Age" university in the world in 2017 among institutions that were founded between 1945 and 1966.
Top 10 Best Public University in the Nation	For more than a decade, U.S. News & World Report has included UC San Diego among the nation's top 10 public universities. In the 2017 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges guidebook, UC San Diego ranked 10th best public university in the nation and 44th best university in the U.S. among more than 300 public, private and for-profit institutions. The UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering's undergraduate program was ranked 24th in the category for engineering schools that award doctorates.
14th in the World for Beneficial Research	In 2017, the journal Nature named UC San Diego the world's 14th best university for developing research that is used to create products or services that benefit society and spur economic growth. The rankings also praised the campus for its research output: nearly half of UC San Diego's natural science papers appear in the Nature index, which measures research productivity in the globe's top science journals.
16th in the World for Scientific Impact	UC San Diego was named 16th best research university in the world by the Centre for Science and Technology Studies of Leiden University's 2015 list that measured scientific impact of universities worldwide.
Among the Top 20 Best Universities in the World	In the prestigious 2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities released by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong, UC San Diego was ranked the 15th best university in world. U.S. News and World Report named UC San Diego the 15th best university in the world in 2016 for research, global and regional reputation, international collaboration as well as number of highly-cited papers and doctorates awarded. In addition, the Center for the World University Rankings named UC San Diego the 17th best university in the world, 14th in the U.S. and third best public university in the nation in 2016.

Economic Impact

650+	Companies launched by and/or utilizing technology produced by UC San Diego faculty, staff and alumni, including many San Diego biotech and technology firms.
200+	Number of active local UC San Diego-related companies.
15	Number of start-up companies formed with licensed UC San Diego technology in fiscal year 2014-15.
2,900	At fiscal year-end 2015, the UC San Diego Office of Innovation and Commercialization managed more than 2,900 inventions, including 340 new inventions and over 350 active utility license agreements. With copyright and trademark agreements, the office manages more than 400 intellectual property licenses.
#2 UC Patent Producer	UC San Diego is second in the University of California system for the highest number of U.S. patents issued in 2015. The University of California is ranked first in the Top 100 Worldwide Universities Granted U.S. Utility Patents Ranking for 2015, according to a report by the National Academy of Inventors and Intellectual Property Owners Association.
$32.4 billion	Total estimated annual sales of active UC San Diego-related companies in San Diego County, including those utilizing licensed technology.

$80 million	The amount of wages that our region's algae biotechnology industry generates each year according to a 2014 study conducted by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The industry, which is integrally tied to collaborative research driven by UC San Diego's California Center for Algae Biotechnology, has fostered approximately 1,020 jobs, contributing over $175 million to the San Diego economy.
29,200	Direct jobs attributable to active UC San Diego-related companies.
#1	Our campus is the largest employer based in San Diego County.
30,671	Total number of full and part-time academic and staff employees at UC San Diego (as of April 2016).
26th in the World for Alumni Venture Capital Funding	UC San Diego is ranked 26th among the top 50 universities in the world for producing venture capital-backed business founders. The ranking by Pitchbook Data, Inc., a venture capital data provider, is based on funding acquired between 2009 and 2014 – during that time, 91 UC San Diego alumni entrepreneurs received $740 million in investment capital.

Private Support

$212.9 million	UC San Diego celebrated a record-breaking increase in charitable gifts. The campus received a 20 percent increase in private support in fiscal year 2015-16 over the preceding year, thanks to over 46,000 gifts and grants.
$1.177 billion	Total combined endowment for the campus as of fiscal year 2015-16, managed by the UC San Diego Foundation and the UC Regents.

Transforming Health Care

Best Hospital in San Diego	UC San Diego Health was recognized as 1st among San Diego's adult hospitals and 6th in California by the 2016-2017 U.S. News & World Report "Best Hospitals" issue, and ranked among the best in the nation in eight specialty areas.
Top 20 in the Nation	The UC San Diego School of Medicine was named the 18th best in the nation among research-intensive programs in US. News & World Report's 2018 Best Graduate Schools Guidebook. The school was also ranked 12th in the primary care category, up nine spots compared to last year.
Outstanding Specialty Care	In U.S. News & World Report's 2017-18 "Best Hospitals" report, UC San Diego was ranked highly in eight specialties, including: Pulmonology (#13), Orthopedics (#20), Geriatrics (#34), Cancer (#40), Cardiology and Heart Surgery (#40), Neurology and Neurosurgery (#40), Gynecology (#42), and Gastroenterology and Gastrointestinal Surgery (#46). U.S. News & World Report also considered UC San Diego Health high-performing in Nephrology and Urology.
Among Most Wired Health Systems	In 2017, Hospitals & Health Networks magazine named UC San Diego Health one of the nation's most wired health systems. The award recognizes hospitals and health systems that excel in using information technology (IT) to advance patient care and population health, protect the privacy and security of patient information and bring greater efficiencies to operations.
"Top Docs"	More than 100 physicians from UC San Diego Health were named "Top Docs" in the 2015 San Diego Magazine "Physicians of Exceptional Excellence" annual survey.
Top 100	In 2016, the UC San Diego Medical Center was named among "100 Great Hospitals in America" by Becker's Hospital Review. The Medical Center is also included on top 100 lists by Becker's for programs in heart and oncology as well as neurosurgery and spine.
First Comprehensive Stroke Center	In 2012, UC San Diego Medical Center-Hillcrest became one of five facilities in the country—and the only center in San Diego County—to be recognized as one of the first Comprehensive Stroke Centers, the newest level of certification for advanced stroke care awarded by The Joint Commission.

Unmatched Value

10th Best Earning Potential	Graduates of UC San Diego were ranked 10th for salary earning potential in the 2013-2014 PayScale.com report measuring top state schools across the nation. UC San Diego was also ranked 4th best public university for its return on investment for alumni who are California residents in the 2012 College Salary Report by Payscale.com.
15th Best Return on Investment	The 2015 college salary report by Payscale.com ranks UC San Diego the 15th best public university for its return on investment (ROI)—what students pay to attend versus what they get back in lifetime earnings—for alumni who are California residents.

20th Best Value Public University in the Nation	In 2015, Kiplinger's Personal Finance named UC San Diego the 20th best value public university in the nation based on its academic quality and affordability, including high four-year graduation rates, low average student debt at graduation, the availability of financial aid and overall great value.
Among "Best Bang for Buck"	In 2015, UC San Diego was named 12th in the West in Washington Monthly's new book, "The Other College Guide," which ranks schools with the best value based on net price, graduation rates and whether alumni earn enough to pay off their loans.

Graduate Programs

Graduate Programs Ranked Top 25 in the Nation	Graduate programs at UC San Diego continue to rank highly as noted in the 2018 "America's Best Graduate Schools" guidebook, released by *U.S. News Media Gro*up, publishers of *U.S. News & World Report*.

- Fine Arts: time-based media/new media (3rd), fine arts (13th)
- Engineering: biomedical/bioengineering (3rd), best engineering school (13th)
- Health Sciences: drug and alcohol abuse research (10th), School of Medicine research program (18th), primary care (21st), pharmacy (25th), clinical psychology (25th)
- Sciences: neuroscience/neurobiology (2nd), discrete mathematics and combinations (3rd), plasma physics (7th), biochemistry (10th), computer science systems (11th), condensed matter physics (13th), biological sciences (14th), computer science theory (14th), computer science (15th), physics (16th), earth sciences (16th), chemistry (21st), mathematics (23rd)
- Social Sciences and Humanities: behavioral neuroscience (4th), econometrics (4th), international politics (4th), cognitive psychology (8th), public finance (8th), political science (9th), comparative politics (10th), development economics (10th), comparative politics (11th), American politics (11th), microeconomics (12th), Latin American history (12th), political methodology (12th), economics (12th) psychology (13th).

5th Best Drama School in the Nation	In 2016, The Hollywood Reporter ranked UC San Diego's Department of Theatre and Dance 5th in the nation among drama schools with an MFA program. The program also ranked 6th in the world.
6th Best MFA Program in the Nation	In their 2017 rankings, College Choice named UC San Diego's Master's in Fine Arts Program 6th in the nation based on academic reputation, student satisfaction, affordability and average annual salary of early career artists.
#1 Executive MBA Program in San Diego	In 2015, UC San Diego's Rady School of Management Executive MBA program was ranked 1st in San Diego, 2nd in California and 33rd globally by The Economist.
International Relations Programs Top World Rankings	Foreign Policy Magazine's 2015 rankings named UC San Diego's undergraduate international relations program and master's program for policy careers in international relations 13th best in the world.

Additional Rankings

World's Most Influential Scientific Minds	Twenty-two UC San Diego scientists and physicians are among the 2015 listing of "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds," an annual compendium of "Highly Cited Researchers" by Thomson Reuters, a multinational mass media and information company.
Top 3 Academic Institution in Earth and Environmental Research	In 2016 the journal Nature ranked UC San Diego 2nd in the U.S. and 3rd worldwide among academic institutions in earth and environmental research based on total contribution to studies published in major science journals.
Top School for Peace Corps Service	UC San Diego ranks 14th nationally on the Peace Corps' 2016 list of "Top Colleges and Universities," marking the sixth consecutive year that UC San Diego has been named in the top 15. There are currently 36 UC San Diego undergraduate alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers; in total, the campus has produced 807 volunteers.
4th in the Nation for Economic Diversity	The New York Times named UC San Diego 4th in the nation for providing access to low-income students in their 2017 College Access Index. The report assesses economic diversity based on the number of and graduation rate of students who receive Pell grants and the net cost, after financial aid, colleges charge both low and middle-income students.
Top 10 LGBTQ-Friendly University	College Choice, an online publication that helps students select a school, named UC San Diego the 9th best public university for LGBTQ students in their 2017 list of the "50 Best Colleges for LGBTQ Students." In addition to being in the top 10 among public schools, UC San Diego was ranked 19th overall among public and private universities in the U.S.
Top 10 "Coolest Schools"	Sierra magazine named UC San Diego the 7th "Coolest School" in the nation in 2015 for displaying a deep and thorough commitment to protecting the environment, addressing climate issues and encouraging environmental responsibility.

World's 3rd Most Beautiful Library	In 2017, CNN Travel named UC San Diego's Geisel Library the 3rd most beautiful library in the world in their list of the top 7 most architecturally inspiring libraries.
Doctoral Programs Ranked 1st in the Nation	Three doctoral programs offered at UC San Diego—Biological Sciences, Bioengineering and Scripps Institution of Oceanography—are ranked 1st in the nation according to the results of the 2010 National Research Council (NRC) Data-Based Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs, conducted every ten years. Additionally, biomedical sciences was ranked 2nd, neurosciences 4th and linguistics 9th in the nation, while 60% of all UC San Diego's doctoral programs are among the top 20 in their fields nationwide.
Top Teach For America Contributor	UC San Diego was named 12th in the nation among schools contributing the most graduates to Teach For America in 2015. Corps members commit to teaching for at least two years in under-resourced schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational equity.
Top Academic Surfing School in the Nation	In 2015 UC San Diego was ranked 2nd nationally among "Top Academic Surf Schools" and "Core Surf Schools" by The Inertia, a website that focuses on surfing news and lifestyle. Criteria included average incoming freshman GPA and SAT scores as well as access to high quality surf. UC San Diego's surf team has won six national championships.

Active Faculty Honors

Nobel Prize	Harry Markowitz, economics (1990); and Mario J. Molina, chemistry (1995). The 2007 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to former vice president Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, whose roster of researchers lists nearly two dozen Scripps Institution of Oceanography scientists including Mario Molina, Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Richard Somerville and Lynne Talley.
Fields Medal	Michael Freedman, mathematics (1986); and Efim Zelmanov, mathematics (1994).
National Medal of Science	Margaret Burbidge, astrophysics (1983); Walter Munk, geophysics (1983); Craig Venter, pharmacology (2009); Marye Anne Fox, chemistry (2010); and Shu Chien, bioengineering (2011).
Presidential Medal of Freedom	Mario Molina (2013).
Pulitzer Prize	Roger Reynolds, music (1989); and Rae Armantrout, poetry (2010).
Kyoto Prize	Walter Munk, geophysics (1999).
MacArthur Fellows	Edwin Hutchins, cognitive science (1985); Nancy D. Cartwright, philosophy (1993); Kun-Liang Guan, pharmacology (1998); Guillermo Algaze, anthropology (2003); and Carol Padden, communication (2010).
Tony Award	Judith Dolan, theatre and dance (1997).
Grammy Award	Kamau Kenyatta (2014).
John von Neumann Theory Prize in Mathematics	Ruth Williams, (2016).
Academy Award	Henrik Wann Jensen, computer science and engineering (2004).
Wolf Prize	George Feher, chemistry (2007).

Notable Former Faculty and Alumni Honors

Nobel Prize	Harold Urey, chemistry (1934); Linus Pauling, chemistry, (1954); Francis Crick, physiology or medicine (1962); Linus Pauling, peace, (1962); Maria Goeppert-Mayer, physics (1963); Robert Holley, physiology or medicine, (1968); Hannes Alfven, physics, (1970); George Palade, physiology or medicine, (1974); Renato Dulbecco, physiology or medicine, (1975); Roger Guillemin, physiology or medicine, (1977); Susumu Tonegawa, '68, physiology or medicine, (1987); Paul Crutzen, chemistry, (1995); Sydney Brenner, physiology or medicine, (2002); Robert Engle, economic sciences, (2003); Clive Granger, economic sciences, (2003); Roger Tsien, chemistry (2008); and Bruce Beutler, '76, physiology or medicine, (2011).
National Medal of Science	Harold Urey, chemistry (1964); Linus Pauling, chemistry (1974); Roger Guillemin, medicine (1976); Margaret Burbidge, astrophysics (1983); George Palade, medicine (1986); Michael Freedman, mathematics (1987); Roger Revelle, oceanography (1990); Marshall Rosenbluth, physics (1997); Yuan-Cheng Fung, bioengineering (2000); Charles David Keeling, geosciences (2001); Andrew Viterbi, electrical and computer engineering (2007); and Craig Venter, '72, pharmacology (2008).
National Medal of Technology and Innovation	Irwin Jacobs (1994).
Pulitzer Prize	Bernard Rands, music (1984).

Balzan Prize	Roger Driscoll, political science (1986); Roger Revelle, oceanography (1986); James Freeman Gilbert, geophysics (1990); Wolfgang Berger, geosciences (1993); and Harmon Craig, geophysics (1998).
Tony Award	Jefferson Mays, '91, (2004); Paloma Young, '06, (2012).
Emmy Award	Larry Groupe, musical composition (1999, 2008).
Presidential Medal of Freedom	Sally Ride (2013).
Fields Medal	Michael Freedman, mathematics (1986); and Shing-Tung Yau, mathematics (1982).
MacArthur Fellows	Elizabeth Bates, cognitive science (1983); Ramon Arturo Gutierrez, ethnic studies (1983); Richard Schoen, mathematics (1983); Michael Freedman, mathematics (1984); Arnold Mandell, psychiatry (1984); Shing-Tung Yau, mathematics (1985); David Rumelhart, psychology (1987); Michael Schudson, communications (1990); Patricia Smith Churchland, philosophy (1991); Russell Lande, biology (1997); George Lewis, music (2002); and Emily Ann Thompson, history (2005); and Carrie Mae Weems, photography and video art (2013).
Nebula Award	Greg Benford, '67 (Best Novelette, *If the Stars Are Gods*, 1975; Best Novel, *Timescape*, 1980); Kim Stanley Robinson, '74 and '82 (Best Novella, *The Blind Geometer*, 1987; Best Novel, *Red Mars*, 1993); and David Brin, '78 and '81 (Best Novel, *Startide Rising*, 1984).
Wolf Prize	Roger Tsien, medicine (2008).

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