At the University of California San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. The Campaign for UC San Diego is a university-wide comprehensive fundraising effort to transform the student experience, our campus, and ultimately the way humanity approaches problems and develops solutions.

UC San Diego Library

Preserving Knowledge, Sparking Discovery

Whether knowledge rests on a printed page or comes to life on a computer, the UC San Diego Library is the premier resource for our voracious community of changemakers. We provide access to more than seven million digital and print volumes, journals, and multimedia materials to meet the demands of our scholars, students, and the public. The Library is recognized as an innovative leader in the development, management, and delivery of digital resources that support the university’s world-class research and instruction.

Our vision is to further cement the Library as a hub of discovery and learning. We seek innovations that expand the upper limits of expert curation and preservation to extend the lifetime of data far beyond our imagination. We must revolutionize the conservation of data, as we endeavor to build resources to link us to the future.

We have an opportunity to transform our spaces and galvanize our mission to serve our campus and public communities. New resources housed in the Library, such as the Teaching + Learning Commons, reinforce our prominence as a home for independent study and supportive services alike. Capital renovations will make the iconic Geisel and Biomedical Library buildings exemplars of our evolving learning environment in all forms as we work to preserve, engage, and innovate.

Top 25
Public academic libraries in the U.S.

More than 7 million
Digital and print volumes, journals, and multimedia materials

24/7 access
To more than 2 million e-books, journals, collections, and other digital resources

More than 15,000
Original drawings, sketches, books, and memorabilia of Theodor Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss

Continue the nontradition.
The Library Priorities

Enhancing the student experience

» State-of-the-Art “Smart” Learning Centers in the Geisel and Biomedical Library buildings enhance student productivity and inspire collaboration and discovery.

» With a permanent endowment, the Undergraduate Library Research Prize will support student research projects that prepare them for graduate school.

Enriching our campus community

» The Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative transforms the first, second, and eighth floors of the Geisel Library into modern, collaborative, technology-rich spaces.

» Re-Envisioning the Current Biomedical Library Building will recreate it as a secure study environment with round-the-clock accessibility.

» Endowed positions empower us to attract and hire specialized, talented staff for roles in collections and technology.

» The Holocaust Living History Workshop Endowment will sustain the program in perpetuity, safekeeping the memories and lessons of history across generations.

Sparking research and innovation

» Research collection endowments enable the Library to acquire the highest quality print and electronic materials, sustaining the excellence and distinction of our information resources.

» Special collections and archives endowments help distinguish UC San Diego from other universities with support for obtaining and preserving unique items for scholarly research in areas as wide-ranging as Pacific exploration, new poetry, the Californias, and more.

» The University Librarian’s Innovation Fund empowers staff to develop projects, programs, and resources; implement new public services; and digitize materials for greater access.

Help us continue the nontradition.

With your help, UC San Diego will preserve and grow the intellectual heart and physical center of campus. The Library already inspires the great faculty and student minds behind our every groundbreaking stride, but you can expand our impact. Together with your philanthropic support of the Campaign for UC San Diego, we can become our community’s preeminent resource for print and digital discovery.

Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu