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.

The Preuss School UCSD

College-Bound Culture

Students at The Preuss School UCSD study longer — and get ahead. We enroll students from San Diego's underserved neighborhoods who are the first generation in their families to go to college. Immersed alongside UC San Diego students, faculty, and staff, our sixth through 12th graders experiment in university labs, perform in our theaters, and acclimate to life and learning in a prolific research environment. We are committed to creating outstanding opportunities, high expectations, and a college-bound culture for students from all backgrounds, transforming families — and the future — in our region.

We endeavor to create a pipeline of progress for underserved students across San Diego. That’s how The Preuss School is driving the creative, innovative workforce of the future. Our model of success is proven — and our grand goal is to make waves in economic mobility, working in tandem with our peers to prepare more students to succeed in college, whether at UC San Diego or elsewhere.

Forging a better future for youth in San Diego's underserved areas means investing in opportunities for access, experiential learning, and an energetic core of expert teachers. From mentorship to mental health counseling, student transportation to our Longer Learning Time model, The Preuss School seeks to fund programs that defy convention and upend expectations.

Top 10
High schools in the state (U.S. News & World Report)

3 years in a row
Top transformative high school (Newsweek)

Exceeds 95 percent
College acceptance rate and nearly 100 percent graduation rate

888
Academic Performance Index (API) score — one of the highest in San Diego County

Continue the nontradition.
The Preuss School UCSD
Priorities

The Preuss School difference

» The Longer Learning Time Endowment makes The Preuss School UCSD’s unique curriculum possible, offering San Diego students from the most economically challenged neighborhoods nearly an entire extra academic year of education by the time they graduate high school.

» With 95 percent of our students commuting from over 40 zip codes, bus transportation to school is essential to their success.

» Expanding the Mental Health Initiative will help more students stay on track and develop critical life skills through short-term psychotherapy.

» The Mentor Program, already a staple of the Preuss model, can support more students in learning and life by expanding the number of highly committed mentors.

Opportunities for innovation

» The FAB Lab is a hands-on space for students to design, develop, and fabricate prototypes, better preparing students for the jobs of the future.

» The Girls in STEAM program creates a pipeline to success for middle school girls studying science, technology, engineering, arts, or math as they transition to high school.

Help us continue the nontradition.

With your help, UC San Diego can create access to excellence for middle and high school students who are from low income families, or will be the first in their families to go to college. For nearly two decades, we have been committed to developing thinkers and problem solvers, confident colleagues and citizens. Together with your philanthropic support of the Campaign for UC San Diego, The Preuss School UCSD can expand its impact and connect promise with possibility for San Diego and beyond.

Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu