Transforming the Student Experience

UC San Diego is dedicated to providing all students with dynamic spaces to live, learn and play — and is poised to become one of the nation’s premier residential campuses.

The university’s athletic program joined the NCAA Division 1 competition in 2020, amplifying student spirit and expanding opportunities for scholar-athletes to achieve national exposure.

As the campus transformation unfolds, UC San Diego continues its momentum toward becoming a top destination for arts, culture, health care and research. The university will welcome new learning spaces and entertainment hubs such as the Epstein Family Amphitheater. In late 2021, an extension of the regional light rail transit will better connect campus with the greater San Diego community.

SOCIAL MOBILITY

More than one-third of first-year and over half of transfer students admitted to UC San Diego are first-generation college students. 46% come from a low-income household. 72% of UC San Diego’s undergraduates receive financial aid.

Since 2013, more than 1,400 students have received a life-changing scholarship created by Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla to improve social mobility.

LEADER IN RESEARCH, HEALTH CARE AND INNOVATION

$1.54 billion annual research funding
FY 2021

No. 4 public institution for startup creation
Milken Institute

4th best public university for high-quality science
Nature Index

UC San Diego Health is ranked 1st in San Diego and 5th in the state, placing it among the nation’s best hospitals
U.S. News & World Report
Economic Impact

$16.5 billion annual economic impact in California — more than the entire annual revenue of the state of Arizona

100,492 jobs supported across California

More than 1,000 companies utilize, or have utilized, technology created at UC San Diego

National Rankings

No. 3 best public college in the nation
Forbes

No. 4 public university for providing an outstanding education at an affordable price
Princeton Review

8th best public university in the nation
U.S. News & World Report

18th best university in the world
Academic Ranking of World Universities

GIVING BACK

More than 153,000 donors contributed over $2.6 billion to UC San Diego, making UC San Diego the youngest university in the country to reach a multibillion-dollar milestone in a single campaign.

The UC San Diego community contributes more than 3 million hours of public service per year.

Over 1,800 donors raised $6.5 million for pandemic-related efforts since March 2020. This includes $1.8 million in donations to the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund alone, with gifts helping to launch on-campus student testing and purchase hospital equipment.