

UC San Diego

At the University of California San Diego, we prefer the path less traveled. And it had led us to remarkable new ways of seeing the world.

Recognized as one of the top 15 research universities in the world, our culture of collaboration sparks discoveries that advance society and drive economic impact. From climate science and the human microbiome to nanotechnology and social mobility, our scholars aren't afraid to take risks if it means we can accelerate answers to our society's most pressing issues.

Our Story

UC San Diego was founded in 1960 as a forward-thinking research institution for graduate and undergraduate study. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, established in 1903 and now a division of the university, served as a catalyst for UC San Diego's initial growth.

Today, our campus has grown to encompass six undergraduate residential colleges, five academic divisions—Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Jacobs School of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences—three graduate schools, a medical school and a school of pharmacy.

Fueling Economic Growth

As a billion-dollar research enterprise situated in the heart of one of the most densely concentrated innovation hubs in the nation, UC San Diego is a unique place where fresh ideas are translated into solutions to benefit society—from wireless health technologies to unlocking the mysteries of the human brain and developing sustainable methods of food and energy production.

Entrepreneurism thrives at UC San Diego with nearly a dozen incubator resource centers on campus. Faculty, staff, students and alumni have launched or created technology for more than 1,000 companies—including over 200 active in San Diego—contributing an estimated \$32 billion to the local economy.

Making Waves

Global and National Rankings

#1 for enrolling and graduating the **most women graduates in STEM**—science, technology, engineering and math. (*BestColleges.com*).

2nd best public university for positive impact on social mobility, research productivity and civic engagement. (*Washington Monthly*).

#5 in the nation for total research and development expenditures. (*National Science Foundation*).

Top 10 best public university in the nation for more than a decade. (*U.S. News & World Report*).

15th best university in the world. (*Academic Ranking of World Universities*).

20th best value public university in the nation. (*Kiplinger's Personal Finance*).

32 UC San Diego faculty members are among the **"World's Most Influential Researchers."** (*Clarivate Analytics*).

By the Numbers

#1: UC San Diego enrolls the largest number of students in San Diego County.

36,624: Total campus enrollment (as of Fall 2017).

185,000+ Number of UC San Diego alumni worldwide.

\$1 billion: Annual research funding.

16: Number of Nobel laureates who have taught on campus.

161: Memberships held by current and emeriti faculty in one or more of the three prestigious National Academies.

Faculty Honors: Nobel Prize, Fields Medal, Pulitzer Prize, MacArthur Fellows, Tony Award, Academy Award, Presidential Medal of Freedom, among others.

Mission: UC San Diego will transform California and a diverse global society by educating, by generating and disseminating knowledge and creative works, and by engaging in public service.

Vision: We will align our efforts to be a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university.

Transforming Healthcare

UC San Diego Health, the region's only academic health system, provides patient care, conducts medical research and educates future health care professionals.

Comprised of three hospitals, an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center, a medical school and a school of pharmacy, UC San Diego Health has garnered recognition as a place where discoveries are delivered—including U.S. News and World Report, which named eight UC San Diego Health medical and surgical specialties among the best in the nation.

Movers and Shakers

Driving progress is what we do. We run with unconventional ideas and arrive at unexpected—and impactful—answers to some of the most pressing issues affecting our society and world.

Our faculty, students, researchers and alumni follow their passions with conviction and achieve amazing strides in protecting our planet, enriching human health, exploring the basis of human knowledge and creativity and mitigating social disparities.

- Science students in Professor Stephen Mayfield's lab partnered with the local surf industry to create the world's first algae-based sustainable surfboard.
- National Medal of Science honoree and alumnus J. Craig Venter sequenced the first full genome of a free-living organism.
- Professor Paul Niehaus co-founded GiveDirectly, a nonprofit that enables charitable gifts to be shared directly to those in dire need around the world.
- Alumnus Albert Lin is searching for the lost tomb of Genghis Khan by using crowdsourced data and ground-penetrating radar.
- Professor Kang Zhang and his colleagues in Health developed a new way to remove congenital cataracts in infants.
- Alumna and NASA astronaut Kate Rubins was the first astronaut to sequence DNA on the International Space Station.

Campaign for UC San Diego

At UC San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. The Campaign for UC San Diego is a \$2 billion comprehensive fundraising effort to transform the student experience, our campus and ultimately the way humanity approaches problems and develops solutions. Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu.