

UC San Diego Global and National Rankings

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Center for Measuring University Performance by Arizona State University	Each September the Center for Measuring University Performance determines the top American research universities by their rank on nine different measures (equally weighted at one point each): total research, federal research, endowment assets, annual giving, national academy members, faculty awards, doctorates awarded, postdoctoral appointees, and SAT scores. The top institutions are those that rank in the top 25 on all nine indicators.	UC San Diego was named among the top 25 research universities in the nation by The Center for Measuring University Performance in its 2010 "Top American Research Universities" publication.	UC San Diego Named Among Top 25 Research Universities
Center for the World University Rankings (CWUR)	Universities are ranked annually in July on seven indicators: quality of faculty, measured by the number of faculty awards; number of research papers published by faculty in international journals; number of papers published in highly-influential journals; number of citations; number of international patent filings; success of alumni employment; and quality of education, determined by the number of alumni who have won major awards.	UC San Diego was ranked the 20th best university in the world in 2014. The ranking is a result of the combined scores from each of the seven categories.	UC San Diego Ranked 20th Best University in the World
Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)	Each August the Shanghai Jiao Tong world rankings are released, based upon academic and research performance. Editors examine the number of alumni, staff and faculty who have won Nobel Prize and Fields Medals; number of citations; number of papers published in Nature and Science; number of papers indexed in major citation indices; and the per capita academic performance of an institution. The ranking does not include arts, humanities, psychology and psychiatry.	UC San Diego was ranked 14th best university in the world in 2015.	New Rankings Name UC San Diego 14th Best University in World
Financial Times Global MBA Rankings	Released in February, Financial Times conducts two surveys--one at the university and one by alumni three years after they graduate--to determine average current salaries; diversity of faculty, students and research; and the number of faculty articles published. Survey outcomes include information about careers, employment, salary and value. Schools must be internationally accredited and their MBA program running for four consecutive years.	The Rady School of Management at UC San Diego is ranked 19th in the world and 17th in the nation for faculty research in the Financial Times 2014 rankings. Rady also ranked 8th in the world and 3rd in California for alumni entrepreneurship among 700 MBA programs surveyed worldwide.	UC San Diego's Rady School of Management Top Ranked in Research and Entrepreneurship

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Forbes America's Best Value Colleges	The rankings, which are compiled in July exclusively for Forbes by the Washington, D.C.-based Center for College Affordability and Productivity, focus on prospective student interests: quality of teaching, career prospects, graduation rates and debt levels. 600 colleges are assessed, including student satisfaction, graduate salaries and faculty awards.	UC San Diego ranked 126th in the nation for best value colleges and 57th for best research college and 24th in the West in 2014.	No release available.
Kiplinger's Personal Finance	Kiplingers, released in January, ranks universities based on cost and financial aid; average student debt; competitiveness; graduation rate and academic support. From this, three "best" lists are generated for public schools, private universities and private liberal arts colleges.	UC San Diego was ranked 14th best value public university in California in the 2014 Top 100 list.	Kiplinger's Ranks UC San Diego Among Nation's Best Value Colleges
Leiden World Ranking by the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) of Leiden University-- Top Scientific Impact	The Leiden Ranking, published in April, is based on the number of publications in Thomson Reuters' Web of Science, between 2008 and 2011. Five bibliometric indicators are used to determine the scientific influence and spread of faculty research in top publications. The ranking measures scientific impact specifically, rather than the entire university.	UC San Diego was ranked the 14th best research university in the world for scientific impact in 2014.	2014 ranking website.
National Collegiate Scouting Association's (NCSA) Power Rankings	The Collegiate Power Rankings are calculated yearly in October for each college/university at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, II and III levels by averaging the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup ranking, the NCAA student-athlete graduation rate of each college/university and the U.S. News & World Report best college ranking. Rankings are generated by a team of former college athletes, coaches and scouts.	UC San Diego was ranked #1 for the ninth consecutive year among all National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II institutions in the 2014 Power Rankings, as well as 12th nationally across all NCAA divisions.	UCSD Ranked No. 1 in NCSA Power Rankings for Eighth Straight Year
National Research Council (NRC) Data-Based Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs	Released in September (although not published each year), the National Research Council evaluates 5,000 research-doctorate programs among 62 fields at 212 research institutions. Two sets of rankings are generated--the regression-based and survey-based. Criteria assessed include: faculty publications and awards, student GRE scores, financial support, employment outcomes, program size, time to graduation and diversity.	The NRC evaluated 25 doctorate programs at UC San Diego, ranking three at #1, while 60 percent were listed among the top 20 in the 2010 publication. UC San Diego was ranked 2nd in the nation among public universities and 11th in the nation overall. Top 10 UC San Diego programs in the regression-based survey include: #1, biology; #1, bioengineering; #1, Scripps Institution of Oceanography; #2, biomedical sciences; #4, neurosciences; and #9, linguistics.	UC San Diego Doctoral Programs Earn High Marks in Prestigious NRC Study

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National Science Foundation	The National Science Foundation ranking was released in May 2012 and ranks universities based on their fiscal year 2010 research and development expenditures. The ranking calculates university research and development expenditures, considering both academic field (primarily science and engineering) and source of funds. Other criteria include productivity, equipment expenditures and other institutional factors. The National Science Foundation is a federal agency that supports science and engineering initiatives one a national level.	UC San Diego most recently ranked 5th among top U.S. universities in total research and development expenditures for fiscal year 2012, with \$1,074,000,000 in total research and development expenditures.	None available
Nature	Published in March, this ranking measures the number of research papers published in Nature and its 16 other preeminent research journals, according to the Nature Publishing Group. An international weekly journal of science, Nature is the world's most highly cited interdisciplinary science journal, according to the 2012 Journal Citation Reports Science Edition.	In 2011 the UC San Diego was ranked 11th in the world for the number of research papers published collectively in Nature and its 16 other research journals.	Nature Ranks UC San Diego 11th in the World
New York Times College Access Index	Published in September, the College Access Index assesses economic diversity based on the number of students who receive Pell grants (which typically go to families making less than \$70,000), the graduation rate of those students, and the net cost, after financial aid, which colleges charge both low and middle-income students.	The NYT named UC San Diego the nation's No. 4 school in its 2015 College Access Index, measuring which colleges and universities do the most for low-income students.	UC San Diego an 'Upward-Mobility Machine,' According to New York Times
Newsweek Magazine "America's Best High Schools"	Each May Newsweek releases their ranking, considering: four-year graduation rates; college acceptance rates; advanced placement class enrollment and test scores; and average ACT/SAT scores. Their data is drawn from College Prowler surveys, school statistics and specialized reports.	The Preuss School UCSD, a charter middle and high school located on the campus of UC San Diego, has been named the top transformative high school in the nation by Newsweek magazine in their 2014 "America's Best High School" issue.	The Preuss School UCSD Again Named Nation's Top Transformative High School By Newsweek
Payscale.com--Top Salary Potential	Payscale earning potential rankings are released each September. Findings are based on the annual pay for bachelor's degree graduates from UC San Diego. The study by PayScale, a website that collects salary data, revealed that the typical starting salary for UC San Diego graduates with two years of experience is \$49,300 and mid-career professionals with a UC San Diego bachelor's degree and 15 years of experience typically make \$101,000 annually.	Graduates of the University of California, San Diego are ranked 10th in the nation for salary earning potential in the 2013-2014 PayScale report measuring top state schools across the nation.	Payscale Ranks UC San Diego 10th Best in the Nation for Earning Potential

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Payscale.com--Top Return on Investment (ROI)	Payscale ROI rankings are released each December. Findings are based on the annual pay for bachelor's degree graduates from UC San Diego. The study by PayScale, a website that collects salary data, found that the typical starting salary for UC San Diego graduates is \$50,600 and they have a mid-career income potential of \$102,100.	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. UC San Diego also is listed as the 11th best public university in the U.S. for mid-career (15 years of experience) salary of alumni.	New PayScale Report Lauds UC San Diego for Earning Potential of Alumni
Peace Corps' Top Colleges	The annual list, released in March, recognizes the highest volunteer-producing colleges and universities for small, medium, large and graduate institutions.	UC San Diego ranks 15th nationally among large schools on the Peace Corps' 2015 Top Colleges list. There are currently 39 undergraduate alumni from UC San Diego serving overseas in the Peace Corps. In total, UC San Diego has produced 790 Peace Corps volunteers.	UC San Diego Again Recognized as Top College by Peace Corps
Princeton Review Best College/Value	Princeton Review released their Best College results every February. Rankings are based upon the results of college student surveys, who submit their reviews of more than 30 criteria, including academics, cost, financial aid, student life and more. Princeton Review's list is not ranked by number, but simply includes the best colleges in the nation.	UC San Diego is ranked the nation's 31st best college for students seeking great academics, outstanding career preparation and generous financial aid in The Princeton Review's 2015 rankings for the return-on-investment the campus offers to students. The campus is also named a great value, taking the No. 21 spot as the best U.S. college for students who are not eligible for financial aid.	Princeton Review Names UC San Diego Top University for Return-on-Investment
Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges	Results, released in April, are based on a survey developed by a panel of experts in higher education green practices. The survey measures: whether campus life is healthy and sustainable; programs to prepare students for employment in clean energy and inspires them to be environmentally conscious citizens; and the quality of a university's environmental policies.	UC San Diego has been named one of the most environmentally responsible "green colleges" in the U.S. and Canada by the Princeton Review's "The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2014 Edition."	UC San Diego Named One of the Nation's Greenest Colleges by Princeton Review
QS World University Rankings	Released in March, QS rankings survey 800 universities around the world in four broad areas: research, teaching, employability and international outlook. The six weighted indicators include 40 percent academic reputation; 20 percent faculty/student ratio; 20 percent citations per faculty; 10 percent employer reputation; and 5 percent each for international staff and student ratios.	UC San Diego 2015 subject rankings in the top 25 include: biological sciences (13th); medicine (17th); pharmacy and pharmacology (19th); earth and marine sciences (21st); communications and media studies (23rd); and economics and econometrics (18th).	No campuswide release available, units may promote their rankings internally.
Ratemyprofessor.com--Top List of Highest Rated Professors	Released in September, Ratemyprofessor.com publishes the Top Lists of Highest Rated Professors, which ranks a professor's based on weighted student reviews of helpfulness and clarity.	UC San Diego lecturer in the department of music Kenneth Anderson won the #5 spot in the Top List of Highest Rated University Professors in 2014.	No release available.

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Surflin.com	Previously released in March, Surflin rankings are not published every year. Schools are ranked based on proximity and access to the beach; availability of surfing classes; existence of a surf team; and other university characteristics such as social level and academic difficulty.	In 2013 Surflin ranked UC San Diego as the #1 campus in the nation for surfing based on our proximity to the world-renowned Black's Beach, nationally ranked surf team, lively student life, affordable educational costs and extensive offering of surf classes.	UC San Diego Named Top Surfing School in the Nation
The Scientist Magazine--Best Places to Work in Academia	Each August The Scientist surveys over 1,000 full-time scientists in non-commercial organizations through a web-based survey. 37 criteria were considered in 8 areas, including job satisfaction, peers, environment, research resources, salary, management, teaching and tenure/promotion opportunities.	Scripps Institution of Oceanography ranked 8th in the nation for best places to work in academia in 2013.	No release available.
The Scientist Magazine--Best Places to Work: Postdocs	In April The Scientist surveys more than 1,500 current non-tenured postdocs working in academia, industry, or noncommercial research institutions regarding quality of training and mentoring, career development opportunities and networking, value of experience, quality of facilities, pay equity, and quality of personal life.	Scripps Institution of Oceanography ranked 7th in the nation as a top place to work for postdocs in 2013.	Scripps Institution Named Top Place to Work for Postdocs
Times Higher Education University Rankings	The Times Higher Education rankings measure university's research budgets and impact, faculty publications and the diversity of the student population, among other factors. Five broad performance areas are measured, including learning environment; research volume, income and reputation; research influence based on citations; industry income; and international outlook.	UC San Diego is ranked the 40th best university in the world, according to Times Higher Education.'s 2013-14 "World Universities Rankings."	UC San Diego Recognized Internationally as Premier University by Times Higher Education
Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings	Powered by Thomson Reuters, Times Higher Education rankings are published in March. They are the only global university performance tables to judge world class universities across all of their core missions - teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. Indicators include research quality (based on peer reviews and citations per faculty), teaching quality (measured by student-faculty ratio), graduate employability (garnered from employer reviews conducted globally) and number of international staff and students.	UC San Diego is the 41st best university in the world according to the Times Higher Education 2015 "World Reputation Rankings."	UC San Diego Nets Another Top Global Ranking

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U.S. News and World Report "America's Best Hospitals"	Each July U.S. News and World Report ranks 16 adult specialties with the following criteria: specialists available; survival rate; patient safety; patient volume; nurse staffing and patient services. Only 148 hospitals were nationally ranked in one or more specialties. 75% of the report is based upon quality indicators, while 25% is drawn from reputation-based analysis.	The UC San Diego Health System is recognized as 1st among San Diego's adult hospitals and 5th in California in the 2014-15 U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Hospitals" issue, and ranked among the best in the nation in eleven specialty areas including cancer, cardiology, diabetes, orthopedics, neurology, geriatrics and more.	UC San Diego Health System Retains No. 1 Ranking
U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges Guidebook	The U.S. News and World Report Best College Guidebook is released each September. Rankings are based on evaluation of 1,400 schools, including student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. The Best Colleges Guidebook is considered the most widely-used of U.S. rankings, and one of the oldest with origins from 1987.	UC San Diego was ranked 9th best public university and 39th best university in the nation by U.S. News and World Report's 2016 Best Colleges guidebook. For more than a decade, the publication has listed UC San Diego among the nation's top 10 public universities.	UC San Diego a Top 10 Public University, According to U.S. News and World Report
U.S. News and World Report Best High Schools	U.S. News & World Report evaluates more than 21,000 public high schools and releases the results each April. Schools are reviewed based on overall student performance on state-mandated assessments, as well as how effectively they educate disadvantaged students. Performance on Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate exams was then used to determine the success of schools in preparing students for college-level work.	The Preuss School UCSD is ranked best high school in San Diego County, 5th best high school in California, and 10th best charter school in the nation by the U.S. News and World Report's 2014 list of "Best High Schools."	The Preuss School UCSD Ranked Best High School in San Diego County by U.S. News & World Report
U.S. News and World Report--America's Best Graduate Schools Guidebook	In March U.S. News & World Report releases the America's Best Graduate Schools Guidebook, which ranks university graduate programs on student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.	The UC San Diego School of Medicine was ranked 14th in research-intensive programs among 128 medical schools in 2015 by U.S. News & World Report.	U.S. News & World Report Names UC San Diego Graduate Programs Among Nation's Best
U.S. News and World Report--Application Ranking	U.S. News and World Report generates an unranked list each October of top colleges and universities with the highest level of applications.	UC San Diego is the 5th most popular school in the nation for college applicants, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2010 list.	UC San Diego 5th Most Popular in the Nation Among Applicants
Washington Monthly's College Guide	Each August Washington Monthly recognizes university initiatives involving: social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students); research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs); and service (encouraging students to give back to their country, such as through organizations like Peace Corps and Americorps).	For the sixth consecutive year, UC San Diego has been recognized by the Washington Monthly as the nation's top college in terms of "what colleges are doing for the country."	UC San Diego is No. 1 in Nation for Sixth Year, According to Washington Monthly

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