North Torrey Pines
Living and Learning Neighborhood

REIMAGINING HOW OUR STUDENTS LIVE, LEARN, AND PLAY
Transformational opportunities

Welcome to an era of unprecedented expansion for UC San Diego. With the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood, we are building capacity to meet our growing demand, as we anticipate having 40,000 students on campus in the years ahead. As we embrace our physical, intellectual, and cultural transformation, we have the opportunity to create a vibrant, interconnected community that will create synergies, inspire breakthroughs, and make waves both here and in our world.

Opening in 2020, our new neighborhood will bring together innovative living and learning spaces in a nod to our 1960s roots. From the beginning, UC San Diego has pioneered mixed-use spaces integrating housing, classrooms, recreation, dining, and more. This century, we’ll put all these things under a single conceptual canopy.

We are making our 995,000-square-foot, seven-building neighborhood the nexus of experiential education, residential community, and academic partnership. We are aligning scholarship in the Divisions of Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences, and creating a new home for Sixth College. And we are expanding the possibilities for our non-conventional student experience, campus community, and research and innovation.

But we can’t do it alone.

Together with your support of the Campaign for UC San Diego, the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood will propel the people and collaborations that help our students, faculty, and community strive — and thrive.
Our nonstandard vision

The North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood is designed to foster a more connected campus and help advance the three philanthropic priorities of the Campaign for UC San Diego: enhancing the student experience, enriching our campus community, and sparking research and innovation.

Enhancing the student experience

Our next generation of innovators and leaders will flourish in the neighborhood. Situated on a main corridor of campus aligned with Geisel Library, the neighborhood creates an immersive experience for formal and informal collaborations with peers, faculty, and community in accessible, multi-use shared spaces.

Research shows that students earn higher GPAs when they live on campus— that’s why the neighborhood provides housing for up to 2,000 undergraduates directly above classrooms, student services, dining and retail facilities, and recreational activities. San Diego State College’s unique new location will offer a living experience geared to high-energy students who value a connection to arts, culture, technology, and the greater community.

Enriching our campus community

Integrating the community into our neighborhood improves the vitality of campus and San Diego as a whole. A 600-seat auditorium anchors one corner of the east quad, celebrating learning in a public space for performances, exhibits, discourse, and community building. Our new championship Craft Center will connect students and members of the community in a collaborative, open space for inspiration, experimentation, imagination, and craftsmanship.

The neighborhood also will be accessible via the new UC San Diego Blue Line light rail transit, scheduled to open in 2021. This convenient alternative will connect UC San Diego with downtown, other diverse neighborhoods, and Mexico, serving as part of a broader vision for mass transportation for our campus, city, and state.

Sparking research and innovation

The neighborhood will align collaborations in scholarship, research, and grants. It will house the academic Divisions of Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences, opening both literal and intellectual pathways to increase the opportunity for new faculty and student partnerships, programs, and initiatives.

As part of the university’s long-term commitment to sustainability and a Net Zero goal, the neighborhood will be a bold example of green design on a scale that is unprecedented in higher education. With key considerations for reduced environmental impact, water efficiency, and renewable energy generation features, the neighborhood’s seven interconnected buildings will be designed and constructed to meet and exceed LEED Platinum certification standards.
Live, learn, play

Not since the creation of Revelle and Muir Colleges has UC San Diego so clearly dedicated itself to the harmonious development of major academic and residential housing program elements within one neighborhood.

Setting Sixth College

From its earliest days, UC San Diego embraced a residential-college system, with each college having its own unique character and academic emphasis. After the establishment of First College (now Revelle) in 1966, five additional undergraduate communities have followed, the most recent of these being Sixth College.

Inaugurated at the dawn of the new century, Sixth College’s classes, offices, and administration have been housed in various temporary locations on campus ever since. The neighborhood creates an opportunity to give Sixth College a permanent home in an innovative, multi-use living and learning environment befitting its curriculum centered on culture, art, and technology.

Sixth College’s new home will comprise three residential buildings and additional units above the neighborhood’s mixed-use community building, which will include the Craft Center, a two-story dining facility, a market and coffee shop, multi-purpose spaces, and several small lecture halls. Once complete, Sixth College will house 2,000 students, creating shared experiences, encouraging personal connection, and fostering participation and discovery throughout communal spaces including lounges, multi-level terraces, balconies, quads, and diverse organized housing options.

Three mixed-use buildings and additional apartment units above the community building will provide more than 600,000 assignable square feet of diverse space for collaborative interaction and learning.
Spaces come alive through experience, and the Craft Center’s 13,750 square feet of classrooms, dedicated studios, and specialized facilities will provide ample opportunities to activate connections, conversations, and community.

Creating community through craft

In a much-anticipated rebirth and reenvisioning, the neighborhood’s new self-sustaining Craft Center will be a centrally located and highly visible heart and hub for expression, creation, and passion. As a social space for the campus and the greater community to connect, the center will catalyze the soulful spirit of San Diego in a number of ways.

Workshops, classes, and lectures
Meld inspiration with exploration in Craft Center classes and events led by community artists, skilled makers, subject matter experts, and high-profile personalities.

Classes under consideration include:
- Storyboarding
- Painting
- Ceramics
- Book arts
- Ceramics
- Woodworking
- Jewelry making

Gallery space
Provide an ideal location for community art shows, lectures, and cultural events.

Architectural flexibility
Spark curiosity and invite participation in co-curricular classes with versatile, glassed-in instructional spaces that can accommodate new programs and uses as they evolve over time.

The original Craft Center, located in the heart of the old Student Center, was a unique nexus between students, staff, faculty, and our neighboring community.
Bridging the humanities

In its new home, the Division of Arts and Humanities will bring together the three distinct humanities departments with several other programs under one collaborative roof. Condensing our proximity means expanding and activating connection, conversation, and community in several areas.

**Arts and Humanities Dean**
Develop recruitment of new faculty, cross-campus strategy, and communication with community partners

**Analytical Writing Program**
Grow resources for first-year students to master the critical thinking, reading, and writing skills necessary for academic and professional success

**Institute of Arts and Humanities**
Serve scholars and members of the public across our campus community by highlighting the breadth of our work

**Department of History**
Expand our leadership as a preeminent research institution, exploring history across regions and disciplines through digital scholarship

**Department of Literature**
Support specialization and intellectual inquiry among and across world literatures, languages, and theory

**Department of Philosophy**
Optimize UC San Diego’s fluid, forward-thinking culture through philosophical inquiry at the intersection of science, technology, health, social sciences, and other disciplines of the arts and humanities

With more than 60,000 square feet spread over nine floors, the Arts and Humanities Building will be a physical hub where ideas and ideals will thrive — expanding, testing, and transforming the existing conventions of intellectual exchange among and across disciplines.
The eight-floor Social Sciences Public Engagement Building will include approximately 40,000 square feet of space, where our faculty, students, and the broader community can work together to generate ideas about quality of education and quality of life.

The future of society

At its core, the Division of Social Sciences develops knowledge through active participation in group projects, community initiatives, and attentive consultation. The new Public Engagement Building will house complementary departments and programs whose history of service and vision for student-centered education and community support offer a way forward.

Social Sciences Dean
Attract and retain academic all-stars dedicated to improving society and the lives of people and facilitate dialogue and fortiety relationships between campus and community.

Education Studies
Offer advanced degree and certification programs for teachers and education leaders including a PhD in Education and a Joint Doctoral Program (JDP) in Educational Leadership; expand Partnerships in Learning (PALS), an undergraduate mentorship and tutoring program for local K-12 students.

Urban Studies and Planning Design Studio
Provide state-of-the-art extended hours design resources to our campus community and partnering stakeholders alike.

Urban Studies and Planning
Geographic Information System (GIS) Lab
Transform UC San Diego's planning professional capacity through our premium GIS lab and seed success in the newest Real Estate and Development Program.

Center for Research on Educational Equity, Access, and Teaching (CREATE)
Scale strategies to improve education outcomes in classrooms and school districts and nurture CREATE's Early Academic Outreach Program and TRIO Outreach Program to grow the pipeline of first-generation college students.

Dean of Social Sciences Incubation Space
Support startups and projects that combine social entrepreneurship and nonprofit personnel with faculty mentors.
Nonstop partnership

With your help, UC San Diego will unleash this era of unprecedented growth for our students, faculty, and community. The North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood embodies UC San Diego’s physical, intellectual, and cultural transformation as we create a live, learn, and play community that will include a new home for Sixth College; the Arts and Humanities Building; the Social Sciences Public Engagement Building; and the Craft Center.

Together with your philanthropic support of the Campaign for UC San Diego, we can enhance the student experience by expanding our pioneering residential living and learning model to the western edge of campus with a new home for Sixth College.

We can enrich our community by encouraging our neighbors to connect with us via newly accessible and convenient public transportation, embracing opportunities for cultural exploration and artistic expression in the Craft Center.

And we can spark research and innovation by bringing together our unique constellation of experts and researchers, scholars and students, from across the Divisions of Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Help us build opportunities to live, learn, and play in one unconventional UC San Diego community — the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood.

Help us continue the nontradition.

At the University of California San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. The Campaign for UC San Diego is a $2 billion university-wide comprehensive fundraising effort to transform the student experience, our campus, and ultimately the way humanity approaches problems and develops solutions.

For more information about supporting the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood or making other contributions to advance our vital work, please contact:

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