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.

Chancellor’s Associates

Seeding nonconvention

We run with the renegades. For 50 years, Chancellor’s Associates have supported upstarts and the bright sparks at UC San Diego because we share the same nonstandards. Our generous annual support of the chancellor’s dynamic call to action funds critical priorities, generating Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships for qualified, motivated students and delivering pivotal support services that ensure their success. Our community of like-minded mavericks knows what it takes to break things better — and how philanthropy can upend convention.

Our principal vision is to expand the Chancellor’s Associates’ reach, scope, and impact dramatically. To increase our amplitude, elevating the number of Chancellor’s Associates Scholars on campus at any one time to more than 800 strong. To focus funding on supporting our scholars, as they surge forward and reach for success. And to clear the pathways of UC San Diego’s brilliant “breakers” — those changemakers who will make waves now and in the future.

Accelerating our impact means investing in opportunities to unleash the promise of people and programs. By increasing our annual funding to $8 million, we will be able to provide 800 Chancellor’s Associates Scholars with $10,000 per year for up to four years. By making an annual Chancellor’s Associates gift of $2,500–$25,000+, you are supporting long-term scholarships that open doors and transform students’ lives.

650+ scholars
From across the region and California have attended UC San Diego, thanks to the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship, established in 2013

500 percent
Increase in Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships since the program’s inception

100 graduates
Among our scholars in 2017 and 2018

Top “Golden Age” university
Ranked as the world’s #1 research university less than 80 years old, based on teaching, research, citations, knowledge transfer, and international outlook (Times Higher Education)

Continue the nontradition.
Our scholarship program breaks boundaries and levels the playing field for aspiring learners:

Receiving the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship has been the single most life-changing event I’ve experienced. When I was given the amazing opportunity to attend one of the country’s top-rated universities fully funded, I vowed to myself to never waste my skills or lose sight of my passion. One day, I hope to launch my own company or nonprofit and be able to give these kinds of opportunities to little kids with big dreams.

— Andrea Camerena ’21

The Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship has not only lifted the financial burden completely off my mother’s shoulders, but it has also guaranteed that I will graduate from one of the greatest universities in the nation, completely debt-free. I cannot be thankful enough!

— AJ Gallo ’21

Opening doors and changing lives

» Contribute annually to Chancellor’s Associates to provide scholarships for additional students and ultimately sustain the continual presence of 800 Chancellor’s Associates Scholars on the UC San Diego campus.

» Contribute to an endowment that will increase long-term funding for Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships, ensuring expanded outreach to talented qualified students and deeper financial support of our current scholars.

» Support Chancellor’s Associates in perpetuity. With a minimum endowment gift of $125,000, individuals will be recognized as University Benefactors. Increased funding boosts the velocity of change, giving the chancellor greater ability to fund student support, one of the Campaign’s top priorities.

Help us continue the nontradition.

With your help, Chancellor’s Associates can bring the best and brightest to UC San Diego. When combined with the University of California’s Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan — which covers fees for California residents whose families earn less than $80,000/year and qualify for financial aid — a $10,000 Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship effectively provides a full scholarship to UC San Diego.

Ability is random. Access is not. Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships level the playing field. Together, as a growing network of champions for educational advancement, Chancellor’s Associates will further the Campaign for UC San Diego, leveraging and empowering our audacious community to make waves here on campus and around the globe.

Make your gift of $2,500–$25,000+ today.

Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu