

The Campaign For UC San Diego

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.



Graduate Fellowships

Innovation Engines

Graduate students are integral to the excellence that is UC San Diego. Their energy, focus, and ideas fuel our interdisciplinary research and innovation engine. Their discoveries catapult the work of our departments and our national reputation. And their time and talents are a model for undergraduates inspired to follow in their footsteps. Graduate students are the soul of our success; recruiting and retaining them is a university-wide priority.

Our strategic vision is to grow the number of graduate students and graduate fellowships so that UC San Diego can remain competitive among our peers. To support stars who strengthen faculty research, diversify our discoveries, and build an intellectual campus climate where collaboration is paramount. To increase our capacity in experimentation, scholarship, and mentorship for students from all walks of life. And to nourish the pipeline of future faculty, breakers, and leaders who will make waves for the greater good.

Cultivating talent and ambition means investing in opportunities for masters and doctoral students to persevere through years of intensive study and research. By strengthening financial aid packages, we can offer the most sought-after students a bright future at UC San Diego, fortifying the immersive and experiential opportunities for them to learn, grow, and lead.

1st in the nation

Biological Sciences, Bioengineering, and Scripps Institution of Oceanography doctoral programs; Biomedical Sciences, Neurosciences, and Linguistics are in the top 10 (*National Research Council*)

33 graduate programs

Rank in the top 25 nationwide (*America's Best Graduate Schools* guidebook)

5th in the nation

Most prolific producer of scientific journal articles of all U.S. universities (*Nature*)

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Among drama schools with an MFA program (*Hollywood Reporter*)

Continue the nontradition.

Graduate Fellowships Priorities

Enhancing the student experience

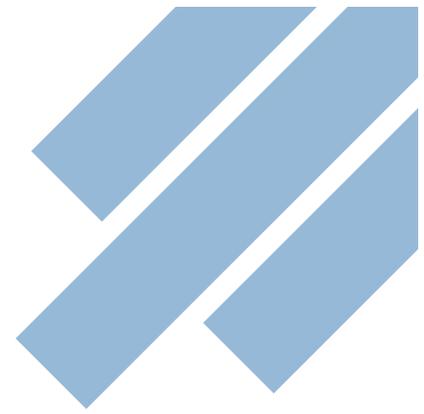
- » Fellowships make it possible for graduate students to work side by side with Nobel laureates and other distinguished scholars.
- » Fellowships create access to immersive and experiential opportunities in the labs, classrooms, and in the field.
- » With supplemental financial support, fellowships eliminate the need to juggle off-campus work with research, teaching, or other responsibilities.

Enriching our campus community

- » Fellowships improve research lab resources by directly supporting graduate student assistants.
- » Principal investigators with ready access to graduate students are stronger candidates for extramural grants, expanding the university's research enterprise ever further.
- » A greater number of graduate students pursuing research projects and professional experience means more mentorship opportunities for undergraduates.

Sparkling research and innovation

- » Fellowships nourish the pipeline of scientific leadership for students, strengthen research specialties, and play a critical role in advancing faculty discoveries.
- » Fellowships fund travel for dissertation research and discovery.
- » Graduate students offer a fresh perspective that energizes connections between faculty and learners at all levels.



Help us continue the nontradition.

With your help, UC San Diego can continue to fuel graduate student innovation and excellence. We're already making strides in our efforts to spark graduate research and enrich our campus community. Together with your philanthropic support of the **Campaign for UC San Diego**, we can bolster already strong graduate departments by prioritizing access, affordability, and excellence — providing the critical resources needed to inspire and encourage the most talented thinkers, tinkerers, and disassemblers to make waves *here*.

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