UC San Diego

Increasing Educational Access

BETTER TOGETHER: UC SAN DIEGO AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

At UC San Diego, we are renowned for our academic quality. And we are using that excellence to increase access to our world-class education for more talented California students — whether they are undergraduates, transfer students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, fellows, or lifelong learners.

Expanding Possibilities

As a public research university, UC San Diego's primary mission is to remove barriers to attendance for talented admitted students. And as we grow in numbers, we are committed to helping our community's students excel in their academics and their future careers.

- » The Preuss School UC San Diego immerses middle and high school students from San Diego's underserved neighborhoods in a college-bound culture that creates leaders who will uplift their families, transform their communities and change our world.
- » Each year, UC San Diego enrolls more than 1,000 Chancellor's Associates Scholars, students from low-income families and underserved high schools in our region who are often the first in their families to attend college. These students not only receive financial support, they also have access to services and programs that enable them to succeed at UC San Diego and beyond.
- » More than 18,000 transfer students from California community colleges applied to UC San Diego, and nearly half of these students were admitted.
- » UC San Diego is a leader in STEM education, consistently graduating more women in STEM fields than our peers nationally and creating an innovation workforce to fill demand for emerging leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- » UC San Diego is committed to growing a more diverse and inclusive student population through a number of initiatives designed to welcome underrepresented students to campus, including the Black Academic Excellence Initiative and Latinx/Chicanx Academic Excellence Initiative, which includes our efforts to become a Hispanic-Serving Institution.
- » A new facility connecting the campus to downtown via the new trolley extension, UC San Diego at Park & Market will engage our community in our campus' full array of research, teaching and public service programs.

Educating California's Future Leaders and Changemakers

UC San Diego is committed to educational opportunities for everyone, whether they are middle and high school students dreaming of a college education or experienced professionals enhancing their skills or community members pursuing independent projects. Our wide range of programs, resources and services means that everyone is welcome to learn at UC San Diego.

Top for positive impact

UC San Diego has topped the rankings for contributions to social mobility, research and public service 11 of the past 13 years (Washington Monthly)

3,000

Students and professionals served by UC San Diego Extension annually

#1

Highest population of low-income students among peer institutions and fifth in the nation for social mobility among disadvantaged students (New York Times)

6th

In the nation among colleges where transfer students are succeeding in large numbers (Money Magazine)

Top 25

UC San Diego Library is one of the top academic libraries in the nation, providing our community access to leading-edge resources for research and personal growth