

Partnerships

BETTER TOGETHER: UC SAN DIEGO AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

UC San Diego has never been constrained by the traditional boundaries between academic areas — we unite physician-scientists and engineers to develop new medical devices, apply ethics to scientific research, and use artificial intelligence to create art. Today, these kinds of interdisciplinary projects continue to define our campus. But we are also advancing other kinds of partnerships: bringing together our academic excellence with local governments and businesses to fuel growth and discovery.

The Power of Collaboration

At UC San Diego, we see ourselves as partners who help our community thrive. Collaborations across the Torrey Pines Mesa and new campus amenities are part of our efforts to build a neighborhood where ideas intersect and converge for the greater good.

- » **UC San Diego's COVID-19 response** has influenced coronavirus efforts in San Diego and beyond, from administering more than 1 million COVID-19 tests and over 531,000 vaccinations to launching the first vaccination superstation with the city, the San Diego Padres, and the County of San Diego — a project that received the Collaboration of the Year Award from the Downtown San Diego Partnership — to helping San Diego Unified School District resume in-person classes.
- » **East campus development**, including Science Research Park — which will connect UC San Diego's research and technology development with commercial industries to advance commercialization — and other projects will offer lodging for the families of patients at UC San Diego Health, intergenerational housing for retired university faculty, and a wellness center for patients and the community, providing a vibrant campus environment that also serves surrounding neighborhoods.
- » UC San Diego's innovation ecosystem helps ensure the success of local businesses — including **more than 1,000 businesses in San Diego that use technologies developed here**.
- » Scripps Institution of Oceanography has partnered with city and county governments to establish **San Diego Coastal Ocean Observing System (SDCOOS)**, which is a first-of-its-kind binational ocean observing system focused on water quality in both countries.

\$80 million

In projected tax revenue for the city of 20 years as a result of east campus development projects, as well as 11,000 new direct and indirect jobs

110,000 square-feet

Offered by the planned state-of-the-art UC San Diego at Villa La Jolla for public education spaces, amenities and programs for military veterans

3 million

Community service hours contributed by faculty, staff and student volunteers annually

531,000+

COVID-19 vaccinations administered between December 2020 and September 2021 (first and second doses)

56,000

K-14 students experience marine science annually through a combination of aquarium visits and outreach programs

Bringing Together Local Experts

Since the beginning, UC San Diego has sought ways to bring together experts from across fields to engage in collaborations with the potential to transform our world. And our ongoing and new partnerships are designed to do just that: to unite our strengths in research, innovation and nonconventional thinking with the very best local businesses and government agencies have to offer to make our region — and our world — a better place to live.