UC San Diego CREATE (Center for Research on Educational Equity, Assessment & Teaching Excellence) is an equity-focused, community-facing research-practice-partnership center committed to supporting equitable educational opportunities for students at all levels. CREATE is laser-focused on increasing opportunity for low-income, first-generation students underrepresented in college.

We advance the region’s youth toward college and careers. Our student-facing programs enhance equitable college and career access for low-income, first-generation youth through direct college prep programming in local K-12 schools and innovative programming in San Diego districts, schools and nonprofits.

We support the region’s teachers. Investing in San Diego’s teachers and school systems serving low-income and underrepresented youth multiplies our impact. Teacher-facing programs inside CREATE improve teaching in all major subject areas including mathematics, science, writing, literacy, computer science and social well-being. By supporting the region’s teachers, we support the region’s youth.

We leverage UC San Diego faculty and student organizations in the San Diego K-12 community. Through CREATE, UC San Diego partners connect their outreach resources to local schools, youth-serving organizations, and professional development efforts for teachers. Our robust network shows us who could benefit from the outreach or education sections of faculty grants, helping us partner in shaping outreach and education efforts to create learning opportunities for youth and teachers who could use them most effectively.

21,580+
Students directly impacted annually
70,170+
Students indirectly impacted annually
2,185+
Teachers impacted annually
$150 MILLION PLUS
Cumulative grants awarded to CREATE-supported partners
2,000+
CREATE STEM Success Initiative efforts supporting campus and community partners over time

At UC San Diego, we believe that what we don’t know today will forever change our tomorrows. Empowered by generosity and fueled by curiosity, we are unafraid to chase the unknown — to ask the questions no one has asked before and to push the boundaries of possibility. Together, we unite diverse people and unconventional perspectives to propel limitless impact. Because we know that when we come together, nothing is beyond us.
PRIORITIZING SUPPORT

For 25 years, CREATE has invested in San Diego’s future by ensuring that more K-12 youth are prepared for college and careers. Our work levels the opportunity playing field and invests in K-12 system improvement so everyone wins. To us, there’s no better investment in San Diego’s future than investing in the future itself: our K-12 youth.

Philanthropic support will leverage CREATE’s achievements and standing to deepen our impact. Specifically, donor contributions offer flexibility for focusing on the structural questions identified by our faculty and team — transcending the more narrowly defined needs of just single agencies or institutions. Greater capacity enables investment in priority models, such as evergreen services and systems for project evaluation and longitudinal tracking. Developing CREATE’s infrastructure in this way makes us more competitive for large agency grants; it’s an investment earning substantial societal returns.

Join our work by making a gift today: help grow CREATE and #CREATEequity. Your donation of any size will help support countless students in San Diego and everywhere our discovery sparks educational transformation.

Together with your philanthropic support, CREATE can continue supporting students and teachers in San Diego and beyond through myriad programs advancing educational equity.

Learn more at create.ucsd.edu.

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