UC San Diego





Opening early 2026, the UC San Diego Glass Center will be part of the Ridge Walk North Living and Learning Neighborhood. Building on a long legacy of craft art on campus and operated by a seasoned leader in the glass art community, the Glass Center offers opportunities to learn artisan glassblowing and exquisite flamework, crafts that students in all fields of study might otherwise never encounter.

Creating glass artworks requires specialized equipment and facilities — from lightweight torches to high-capacity furnaces — designed with exacting standards for environmental impact and safety. Resources of the new Glass Center will be on par with well-established glass art museums and counterpart educational spaces. Offering our students and community the chance to try their hand at glassmaking enriches their experience and provides entry to a sparkling tradition.

GLASS CENTER

Occupying more than 10,000 square feet, the UC San Diego Glass Center will include a hot shop with furnaces; a cold shop for polishing, etching and finishing; a dedicated area for flameworks; and a striking viewing gallery where participants and visitors alike can pause to watch glass art in action. In addition to core instructional programs and workshops, the campus community will be invited to narrated demonstrations by instructors and visiting master artists.

Glass Center	\$5 million
Hot Shop	\$2 million
Multipurpose Classroom	\$1 million
Viewing Gallery	\$500,000
Flamework Studio	\$250,000
Cold Shop	\$250,000
Welcome Reception Area	\$150,000
Equipment Room	\$100,000
Hot Shop Storage	\$50,000
Director's Office	\$50,000
Staff Office	\$50,000
Break Room	\$50,000







Together with your philanthropic support, students, faculty, staff and friends will build lasting bonds in a place where community emerges with a life of its own.

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