



# DIVISION OF GRADUATE EDUCATION AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS (GEPA)

## TRANSFORMING OUR REGION AND THE WORLD

**Our graduate students are anything but ordinary.** We've known from the beginning: They push boundaries and generate possibilities. Did you know that in 1960, UC San Diego's inaugural class was composed entirely of 107 graduate students? Since then, we have grown into a world-class institution with 93 graduate programs and over 9,000 graduate and professional students who are making an indelible impact on our campus and beyond.

**Our graduate students do more than take classes, conduct research and teach — they build, explore, analyze, create and collaborate** on projects that improve lives and enrich our region. They advance leading-edge research and outside-of-the-box thinking that drives discovery. They mentor undergraduates and inspire the next generation of changemakers. And in a nation known for innovation, they influence a multitude of aspects that affect our daily lives by defining what's new and what's next.

**Our goal?** To attract the brightest minds to pursue novel ideas with us, and to ensure that our graduate students have the resources and financial support they need to continue to push the boundaries of human understanding — and make our world a better place.

### 39 GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND SPECIALTIES

Ranked in the top 25 in the nation  
(*U.S. News & World Report*)

### 6TH IN THE NATION

Among public universities  
(*U.S. News & World Report*)

### 7TH IN THE WORLD

Most influential researchers  
(*Clarivate*)

### 7TH IN THE NATION

Best public university for  
contributions to social mobility,  
research and public service  
(*Washington Monthly*)

### 10TH IN THE WORLD

For high-quality biomedical science  
(*Nature Index*)

### 9TH IN THE WORLD

Best drama MFA program  
(*Hollywood Reporter*)

### 2ND IN THE NATION

Full-time MBA program for  
entrepreneurship  
(*Bloomberg Businessweek*)

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.

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## GEPA PRIORITIES

Support for graduate education at UC San Diego catalyzes change — in the lives of graduate students and in our global community. From urban planners and engineers who design and build our transportation networks to instructors who educate our children and artists who inspire us to create better futures, graduate students and graduate alumni influence every aspect of our world.

### STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

**Fellowships** enable graduate and professional students to collaborate with Nobel laureates and other distinguished scholars, creating access to immersive and experiential opportunities. Supplemental **financial support from fellowships eases the financial burdens shouldered by students** so they can focus on research and learning. The benefits of these fellowships extend far beyond the academic life of the scholar — they benefit us all.

### OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

- » **Fellowships attract top scholars** to UC San Diego, allowing us to bring the best and brightest students to our campus.
- » Graduate students provide **mentorship opportunities for undergraduates**.
- » Forward-thinking graduate students on campus **enhance our intellectual community** and contribute to a strong ecosystem of ideas.
- » Expansion of fellowship-supported projects **strengthens interdisciplinary networking** and professional development programming for all graduate students.
- » Fellowships for our graduate students **enrich the local economy** through new startups, new ideas and new solutions.

### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- » **Fellowships help bring fresh perspectives** to our graduate programs and play a critical role in creating new knowledge and advancing discoveries.
- » Support through fellowships **empowers graduate students** and fuels innovation.
- » Graduate students **improve grant opportunities for principal investigators** and extend the university's research enterprise.
- » Fellowships **connect students to academic and professional networks** through conference, travel and presentation opportunities.

Together with your philanthropic support, we can bolster our already strong graduate departments by prioritizing access, affordability and excellence — providing critical resources needed to inspire and encourage the most talented changemakers to make a difference.

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