



UC SAN DIEGO GRADUATE DIVISION

TRANSFORMING OUR REGION

At UC San Diego, our graduate students are anything but ordinary. We've known since the beginning; they push boundaries and generate possibilities. From an inaugural class of 107 graduate students in 1960, UC San Diego has grown into a world-class institution with nearly 9,000 graduate and professional students spanning 127 programs who are making an indelible impact on our campus, our region and the world.

Our graduate students do more than take classes, conduct research and teach — they build, explore, analyze, create, mentor and collaborate on projects that improve lives. Our first sixty years have been incredible, and as we embark on our next sixty years and beyond, our graduate students and graduate alumni continue to innovate and defy expectations.

UC San Diego's approach to transforming our world relies on our graduate students. 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 they influence all aspects of our daily lives by defining what's new and what's next for our university, our nation and our world.

Our goal? To attract the brightest minds to pursue novel ideas here, 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.

6TH

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

39 GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Ranked in the top 25 in the nation (U.S. News & World Report)
9th in the world for high-quality biomedical science
(Nature Index)

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For high-quality biomedical science
(Nature Index)

5TH IN THE WORLD

Best drama MFA program
(Hollywood Reporter)

10TH 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.



Together with your philanthropic support, we can bolster 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 *here*.

Learn more at giving.ucsd.edu or visit grad.ucsd.edu/impact.

GRADUATE DIVISION PRIORITIES

Support for graduate education at UC San Diego changes lives – those of graduate students and our community members. From urban planners and engineers who design and build our transportation network 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 make it possible for graduate and professional students to work side-by-side with Nobel laureates and other distinguished scholars, creating access to immersive and experiential opportunities in labs, in classrooms, in performance halls, and in the field. Supplemental **financial support from fellowships** enables students to focus on research and learning without the need to pursue outside employment.

OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

- » **Recruiting some of the most innovative thinkers** to conduct their graduate studies at UC San Diego has a ripple effect, enhancing our campus' intellectual community and contributing to an ecosystem of ideas that enrich our local economy through new startups, new ideas and new solutions that improve lives. Fellowships attract top scholars to UC San Diego, allowing us to bring the best and brightest students to our campus.
- » Fellowships **enhance research lab resources** by directly supporting graduate students who contribute their talents to advance faculty projects. Principal investigators with ready access to graduate students are stronger candidates for extramural grants, expanding the university's research enterprise ever further.
- » Expanding fellowship-supported research projects means **more and better professional development programming and interdisciplinary networking** for graduate students, as well as **mentorship opportunities for undergraduates**.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- » Graduate students offer **fresh perspectives that energize connections** between faculty and learners at all levels while nourishing the pipeline of scientific and academic leadership for years to come. They also strengthen our research specialties and play a critical role in advancing faculty discoveries.
- » Fellowship support **empowers graduate students to conduct their own unique research** and fuels innovation in ways we can only imagine, while also connecting students to academic and professional networks through conference **travel and presentation opportunities**.