



# UC SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

Since our founding in 1968, **UC San Diego School of Medicine** has been serving our community and creating a healthier world. We are a leading destination for transformative, innovative and impactful **medical education, clinical care and research**.

UC San Diego Health is the region's only academic medical health system. We are the training ground for forward-thinking and compassionate health care leaders dedicated to providing the very best care to our community.

### EDUCATION

Led by Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences John M. Carethers, MD, and Dean Barbara Jung, MD, UC San Diego School of Medicine is distinguished for uniting leading-edge scientific discovery and compassionate clinical training. Our MS, MD, PhD and dual MD/PhD degree programs prepare physicians and physician-scientists to advance health and equity through innovation and care. The Medical Scientist Training Program exemplifies this synthesis, combining medical education at UC San Diego with research in a graduate program or at one of our local world-renowned research institutes.

The COAST (Caring, Original, Advocates Share and Thrive) curriculum is comprehensive, dynamic and personalized. It is grounded in compassion, advocacy, equity and systems science. In the first two years, students gain a robust, integrated knowledge base and practical tools so that as they move to their clerkships they can focus on transforming scientific knowledge into compassionate clinical care — exploring passions, sharpening skills and defining the career path that best fits their aspirations.

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.

### TIER 1 BEST MEDICAL SCHOOL — RESEARCH

Among the 16% of research-intensive schools recognized with a Tier 1 status (*Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research 2024 rankings*)

#### #1

Health care system in San Diego  
(*U.S. News & World Report*)

#### #4

Public medical school for NIH funding, with eight departments ranking in the top 10 for NIH funding

#### TOP 1%

Our experts in basic, translational and clinical research are the most cited researchers in the world

#### 3,500+ FACULTY

600+ MD and MD/PhD students

#### 1,100+ RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

20 academic departments, with 93 training programs



*"I want the students to get the most out of their learning so they can become leaders in their own right. I want trainees to make the most of their experience so they can give back to their communities as soon as they are done training. I want faculty to reach their full potential."*

— **BARBARA JUNG, MD**  
Dean, UC San Diego School of Medicine

Our future health care leaders are exceptional, compassionate and well-versed in the increasingly advanced technologies for patient care today. Their potential is limitless. Together with your philanthropic support, we can elevate the health care leaders of tomorrow.

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## RESEARCH

Twenty academic departments serve as bridges between laboratories and clinical settings. As a public research university operating more than 35 research centers and institutes, we provide expertise, resources and an environment that empowers impactful, integrative discovery. From bench to bedside, our faculty and physician-scientists have aided the development of diagnostics and therapeutics that change lives.

## CLINICAL CARE

We offer a broad scope of world-class clinical training through UC San Diego Health and the Student-Run Free Clinic Project, and partnerships with VA San Diego Healthcare System, Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego and Navy Medical Center San Diego. Beyond training physicians, academic medicine powers clinical innovation, quality improvement and health equity.

## HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

UC San Diego School of Medicine shapes compassionate health care leaders, ready to tackle the challenges of an evolving health care and biomedical landscape in the classroom, the lab and in clinic. But it is only possible with philanthropic support. **Thank you for considering an investment in the future of health care.**

## ENDOWED CHAIRS

An investment in our faculty, endowed chairs enable us to recognize their outstanding research, clinical practice and dedication to mentorship and education. Chairs attract exceptional leaders to campus who are key to maintaining our legacy of excellence.

## MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial burden is the number one barrier to medical school cited by aspiring doctors. The average cost of a four-year MD degree is \$341,000. Scholarships relieve financial stress and remove obstacles to enrollment.

## CLINICAL FELLOWSHIPS

Fellows receive financial support, mentorship and advanced training to hone their clinical skills. They gain hands-on experience and conduct research as they transition to independent practice in their chosen specialty or field.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

Essential to be at the leading-edge of innovation and discovery, grants attract and retain premier researchers and generate opportunities for breakthroughs.