



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

EMBRACING UNCONVENTIONAL THINKING

The School of Social Sciences encompasses a bold breadth of disciplines and research areas with a common core: service. With our 11 departments, multiple interdisciplinary degree programs, and many minors and research units, we come together to understand the human experience from all angles. From economics to politics, human development to education, inequality to social mobility, we are nonplussed by society's grand challenges. And with 35 percent of last year's undergraduate degrees coming from social sciences departments, we bring our collective courage and compassion to the community.

Our grand goal is to build a better world where opportunities abound for everyone. We believe neighborhoods should be vibrant with families of all incomes well-served by excellent schools. Where urban planning makes it easier to get to work and where a healthy environment coexists with strong job growth. Our hopes for our own community are the same for cities everywhere. We start by preparing today's students to become tomorrow's leaders, reinventing convention through diverse thought, perspective and impact.

We have an opportunity to expand our impact by investing in people and programs. To grow social sciences to its full potential by expanding research, project-based learning and teacher training. To revolutionize the study of design, global poverty and robotics. And to cultivate collaboration and investigation in one central space. Together we can fly the banner of public engagement, powering possibilities that transform our communities.

NEARLY 500

Community-based programs connect students and faculty with schools, industries, local and state governments, and nonprofit organizations

1ST OF ITS KIND

The Department of Cognitive Sciences, which takes a multi-specialty approach to understanding human cognitive development

RENOWNED FACULTY

Including three Nobel Laureates and six MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" award winners among our past and present faculty

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 ensure our students' success, in the classroom and far beyond.

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES PRIORITIES

STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

- » **Scholarships** provide undergraduate students access to opportunity, nurturing the next generation of social scientists from all backgrounds, experiences and aspirations.
- » **Fellowships** nourish the pipeline of social science leadership for the most talented graduate students, fueling our research and discovery engine with fresh ideas and ideals.

OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

- » Expanding **Partnership UC San Diego**, our school's flagship project-based learning program, requires investment in faculty, teaching, student programs and scholarships as we enhance our focus in real estate, law and politics, economics and finance, and mental health.
- » Our **Teacher Training initiative** seeks to prepare K-12 educators to cultivate skills for the next wave of the labor force to thrive in a new generation of jobs.
- » As part of the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood, the new **Social Sciences Public Engagement Building** allows us to work together with community partners on important issues such as civic planning, K-12 educational equity, student performance and sustainable development. The building functions as a "front porch" to the community for engagement on important social issues, bringing together education studies/CREATE, urban studies and planning, and a new real estate and development program.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- » The **Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research** is concentrating efforts on an Upward Mobility Commission to point policymakers to what will work best to restore the nation's promise of social progress.
- » Our **Global Poverty, Development and Education** team of all-star economists are advancing breakthroughs to help private and public sector leaders make sound, data-driven decisions.
- » The **Cognitive Science and Robotics** project incorporates our understanding of humans' interaction with machines into advanced robotics that benefit our work and our lives.