



# SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

## CLOSING THE GAP

### Creating access to success

At UC San Diego, our students are anything but ordinary. They are among the highest achievers in their communities, demonstrably capable of great things. And we are committed to ensuring that every qualified, admitted student has access to the resources they need to succeed at UC San Diego and beyond.

**The UC San Diego Summer Bridge Program** is designed to engage students from marginalized or underserved communities and support their successful transition to college life. Our student-centered five-week summer program immerses first-year students in UC San Diego the summer before their first quarter. Students enroll in classes, receive the support of a peer mentor, access academic support resources, gain a sense of belonging, and participate in social events that enrich their experiences in the classroom, with their peers, and across our campus.

**Summer Bridge focuses on making sure our students have the tools they need to hit the ground running.** Our program introduces students to UC San Diego's academic culture and helps them build a robust supportive community, develop a network of peers and mentors, and transition from high school to college.

### 7TH FOR POSITIVE IMPACT

UC San Diego has been ranked among the best public universities serving the public interest, based on social mobility, research and service (*Washington Monthly*)

### 91 PERCENT

Summer Bridge participants are from underrepresented groups

### 423 MORE

Students enrolled in Summer Bridge in 2021 than in 2019, an increase of 246 percent

### 50 PERCENT

Summer Bridge participants are first-generation college students

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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### STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

Flexible programming will provide students with the opportunity to gain a sense of belonging through their participation in Summer Bridge regardless of their geographic location or family and work responsibilities.

- » Support for developing **new engagement platforms** – including hybrid and virtual – will extend access to Summer Bridge Programming to more students, encouraging their enrollment at UC San Diego and ensuring their academic, social and personal success from the very beginning.
- » We will build on the long-standing success of our program and set the stage to expand to more first-generation, low-income and historically underrepresented students. Philanthropic support will enable us to **extend our programs** to all incoming first-year students.

Together with your philanthropic support of the Summer Bridge Program, we can offer flexible options for first-generation, low-income and historically underrepresented students that ensure their success in the classroom and far beyond.

**Learn more at [giving.ucsd.edu](https://giving.ucsd.edu).**

*"When I attended Summer Bridge in 2019, it showed me how important community is and the impact it can have on someone's sense of belonging. As a student, Summer Bridge made me feel recognized and celebrated my identities, which greatly helped my transition and stay at UC San Diego. I have been provided so many wonderful opportunities that have helped build my role as a student, leader and individual navigating higher education."*

**Chris Brede-Ortega '23**

