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.
“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

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.

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