

## Community Update – Spring 2022

### UC San Diego Named Among Top 10 Public Universities in U.S. by Center for World University Rankings



The University of California San Diego is once again ranked one of the top 10 public universities in the country, according to the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR). In the annual rankings published today, the campus placed No. 8 among public U.S. universities and No. 22 among all universities nationwide.

UC San Diego has also once again topped [U.S. News & World Report's graduate school rankings](#) with nine programs in the top ten including bioengineering (#4), discrete mathematics (#6), geophysics (#6), econometrics (#7), computer science (#8), neurosciences (#9), and genetics (#10). The ranking also placed Jacobs School of Engineering sixth among public engineering schools and 10th overall in the nation and UC San Diego School of Medicine sixth among public medical schools and 20th among research-intensive programs. The 2022-23 edition of the "Global 2000 List by the Center for World University Rankings" evaluated nearly 20,000 universities from around the world. The publication uses seven indicators grouped into four areas to rank each institution: quality of education, alumni employment, quality of faculty and research performance. For additional information visit <https://news.ucsd.edu/>

### Living and Learning Neighborhoods

The Living and Learning Neighborhood presents a transformational opportunity for the campus to nurture a collaborative and interdisciplinary community that will provide students with an educational experience that encourages collaboration, leadership, and innovation in a diverse and interconnected world.

Construction of [Pepper Canyon Living and Learning Neighborhood](#) is anticipated to start this summer, with the goal of opening in the fall of 2024. Located in the campus interior and adjacent to the Central Campus station of the UC San Diego Blue Line trolley, the project will provide single-occupancy rooms to 1,300 transfer and upper-division undergraduate students. The project also includes retail, open spaces in two large courtyards and access to canyon trails. In addition, the proposed [Ridge Walk North Living and Learning Neighborhood](#) currently in its preliminary planning stage would provide housing for approximately 2,000 undergraduate students and would be the new home for Marshall College with space for student dining, health and wellness, academic programs, general assignment classrooms and student support services.

### [Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 15th Anniversary Healthcare Equality Index](#)

UC San Diego Health received the highest possible scores in all categories, earning it the "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader" designation. The Healthcare Equality Index is the nation's foremost benchmarking survey of health care facilities on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion of their LGBTQ+ patients, visitors and employees.



### All Campus Commencement



The UC San Diego annual All-Campus Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, June 11. NASA astronaut and UC San Diego alumna [Jessica Meir, PhD '09, will serve as this year's keynote speaker](#). Meir, who received her doctorate in marine biology at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, is best known for participating in the first all-woman spacewalk in history. She completed a six-month expedition to the International Space Station and was recently selected as a member of NASA's 2025 Artemis moon exploration program. Meir will share her journey from sea to space.

### Stuart Collection



UC San Diego is excited to welcome the [new director of the Stuart Collection, Jessica Berlanga Taylor](#). Taylor's appointment is part of UC San Diego's larger commitment to offer our community rich and accessible opportunities to experience art, culture and entertainment. The Stuart Collection at UC San Diego has commissioned more than 20 works by leading artists of our time. The permanent collection is integrated into the landscape of the 1,200-acre university. Self-guided walking tours are open to the public with maps available at [stuartcollection.ucsd.edu](#)

### UC San Diego Projects and Community Contributions

The [UC San Diego 2018 Long Range Development Plan](#) directs the location of instructional, research, and campus support facilities. This plan is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Visit <http://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/> for more information on upcoming projects or contact [gcr@ucsd.edu](mailto:gcr@ucsd.edu). An interactive campus map illustrating major campus projects with brief descriptions is also available at [maps.ucsd.edu](http://maps.ucsd.edu).

As part of implementation of the Long Range Development Plan, the university continues to make substantial on-campus investments. For information on Capital Improvement Projects visit <https://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/projects/current.html>

UC San Diego's community contributions extend beyond top-tier education, research, healthcare, programs and partnerships. From envisioning new ways to relieve local traffic congestion and increase regional transit use, to partnering with local agencies to improve public services, UC San Diego's efforts reach far beyond the campus.



The university plays an important role in the [economic vitality of the state](#) and contributes significantly to the regional economy (up to \$9.3 billion, including \$4.3 billion in direct spending), public health, research and innovation, access to exceptional education, and more. One in every 17 jobs in the City of San Diego (62,516 jobs) is linked to the university, which contributes \$493.7 million in annual state and local tax revenue. Visit the [UC San Diego Community Benefits webpage](#) for more information on the following, [Reducing Traffic Congestion](#), [Improving Public Transit](#), [Supporting City Infrastructure](#), [Amenities and Services](#), and [Capital Investments](#).

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