

THE ANSWERS ARE OUT THERE, SO OUT WE GO

At UC San Diego, we're in constant pursuit of ideas that push the limits of what we know into new territory — seeking uncommon solutions to the world's greatest challenges through groundbreaking research, advancing new knowledge and transforming the student experience.

A LIVE, LEARN AND PLAY COMMUNITY

Our campus is dedicated to providing our students with a vibrant, interconnected community where they can live, learn and play. With multiple large-scale, mixed-use neighborhoods and significant on-campus housing growth, UC San Diego is poised to become one of the nation's premier residential campuses.

EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF CHAMPIONS

After two decades as one of the most successful programs in NCAA Division II, UC San Diego Triton Athletics has entered an exciting new era as a Division I program. In 2025, UC San Diego became the first program in NCAA history to send its men's and women's teams to March Madness in its first season eligible to do so.

DESTINATION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

With over 50 years of international recognition, UC San Diego is a hub for excellence, diversity and innovation in the realm of arts and culture. The renowned UC San Diego Stuart Collection, now boasting nearly two dozen distinctive artworks, showcases the brilliance of noted contemporary artists throughout the campus. Unique campus activations and exciting programs hosted at the Epstein Family Amphitheater, UC San Diego Park & Market and The Depot, a new arts incubator and cultural hub downtown, infuse vibrancy into our community. As we continue to expand collections throughout campus, including the highly anticipated gallery, The Strauss, our influence as a thriving destination for arts and culture is flourishing.



BY THE NUMBERS

46,178

Students

160,147

First year and transfer applications

No. 3 best public college

in the nation

Forbes

6th best public university

in the nation

U.S. News & World Report

18th best university in the world

Academic Ranking of World Universities

2nd most applied to university in the nation.

32% of newly enrolled undergraduates were Pell recipients.

1st in the country among all public universities with a 93% scholar-athlete graduation rate.

NCAA

More than 1/3 of incoming undergraduates who enroll at UC San Diego will be the first generation in their family to graduate from college.

WHERE RESEARCH MEETS REAL-WORLD CHANGE

UC San Diego doesn't just navigate change — our community of innovators creates it. From more than 400 new invention disclosures and 90 U.S. patents to pioneering treatments and technologies, our researchers are transforming ideas into real-world impact. They're pursuing new ways to slow Alzheimer's disease, offer hope for patients with rare cancers, and advance stem cell therapies that could restore health for countless individuals.

And it isn't just medical science that benefits. Structural engineers at the Jacobs School of Engineering are testing new materials to make our communities safer from earthquakes and fires. Scientists at Scripps Institution of Oceanography are partnering with public health experts to measure air quality in the Tijuana River Valley and protect community well-being. And faculty in the School of Biological Sciences are developing solutions to reduce plastic waste in our oceans.

At UC San Diego, research isn't confined to the lab — it's where bold ideas become breakthroughs that change lives.



LIMITLESS IMPACT

Now more than ever, the support of our philanthropic community is the key to driving impact on campus and beyond. Last year, **nearly 18,000 alumni, friends and community members provided \$317.7 million in philanthropic support** for student-centered spaces and programs, arts and culture initiatives, research innovation efforts, world-class health care and more.

And UC San Diego faculty and staff give back to the community. UC San Diego Health provides over **\$717 million in charity care and benefits**, and university faculty, staff and students volunteer more than **3 million hours of public service** each year.

LEADER IN RESEARCH, HEALTH CARE AND INNOVATION

\$1.7 billion sponsored research funding
FY 2025

18th in the world for the most highly cited/most influential researchers
Clarivate

2nd best public research institution for high-quality science
Nature Index

UC San Diego Health is ranked **1st in San Diego** for the fifth consecutive year.
U.S. News & World Report

One out of four inventions that comes out of the UC System originates at UC San Diego, which makes the university the system's most prolific inventor community.