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ALL ACADEMICS, STAFF AND STUDENTS AT UC SAN DIEGO (Including  
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SUBJECT: 2020 Chancellor's Dissertation Medal Recipients

It is my pleasure to announce the Chancellor's Dissertation Medal recipients for 2020.

In Spring 2013, I partnered with the Graduate Student Association to introduce the Chancellor's Dissertation Medal as an opportunity to recognize outstanding doctoral research. Recipients of this prestigious award are chosen based upon the quality of academic research as determined by the impact of the research to the field and/or department; the insight, originality, and creativity shown by the author; the effectiveness of the writing, clarity, and organization of the thesis; and the soundness of the methodology and quality of the data (when applicable).

Up to six awards are bestowed annually based upon a review of faculty committees in the division of arts and humanities; the division of biological sciences including health sciences; Jacobs School of Engineering; the division of physical sciences; the division of social sciences including Rady School of Management and the School of Global Policy and Strategy; and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Congratulations to this year's awardees:

- \* Arts and Humanities: Sky Johnston, History
- \* Biological Sciences: Jennifer Dumdie, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences
- \* Jacobs School of Engineering: Sunmi Shin, Materials Science
- \* Physical Sciences: James Wampler, Physics
- \* Scripps Institution of Oceanography: Travis Courtney, Geosciences Research Division
- \* Social Sciences: Lauren Olsen, Sociology

Medal recipients will be recognized at The Graduate Division Virtual Commencement on Saturday, June 13.

Pradeep K. Khosla  
Chancellor