

The Campaign For UC San Diego

At the University of California San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. Through the Campaign for UC San Diego – our university-wide comprehensive fundraising effort concluding in 2022 – we are enhancing student support, ensuring student success, transforming our campus, connecting our community, and redefining medicine and health care on a global scale.



UC San Diego Graduate Division

Transforming Our Region

At UC San Diego, our graduate students are anything but ordinary. We've known since the beginning: They push boundaries and generate possibilities. From an inaugural class of 107 graduate students in 1960, UC San Diego has grown into a world-class institution with nearly 9,000 graduate and professional students spanning 127 programs who are making an indelible impact on our campus, our region and the world.

Our graduate students do more than take classes, conduct research and teach – they build, explore, analyze, create, mentor and collaborate on projects that improve lives. Our first 60 years as a university have been incredible, and as we embark on our next sixty years and beyond, our graduate students and graduate alumni continue to innovate and defy expectations.

Our graduate students are forging a brighter future. They are helping find new ways to prepare for earthquakes and prevent wildfires, generate clean energy and mediate political tensions, grow sustainable food and spark community change. They are entrepreneurs launching new businesses and health care providers helping us thrive.

UC San Diego's nontraditional approach to transforming our world relies on our graduate students. They advance leading-edge research and outside-of-the-box thinking that drives discovery. They mentor undergraduates and inspire the next generation of changemakers. And they influence all aspects of our daily lives by defining what's new and what's next for our university, our nation and our world.

Our goal? To attract the brightest minds to pursue novel ideas here, and to ensure that our graduate students have the resources and financial support they need to continue to push the boundaries of human understanding and make our world a better place.

39 graduate programs

Ranked in the top 25 in the nation
(*U.S. News & World Report*)

5th in the world

Best drama MFA program
(*Hollywood Reporter*)

5th in the nation

Best engineering schools
among public universities
(*U.S. News & World Report*)

6th in the nation

Best public university for
contributions to social mobility,
research and public service
(*Washington Monthly*)

9th in the world

For high-quality biomedical science
(*Nature Index*)

10th in the nation

Full-time MBA program
for entrepreneurship
(*Bloomberg Businessweek*)

Continue the nontradition.

Graduate Division Priorities

Support for graduate education at UC San Diego changes lives — those of graduate students and our community members.

From urban planners and engineers who design and build our transportation network to instructors who educate our children and artists who inspire us to create better futures, graduate students and graduate alumni influence every aspect of our world.

Student Support and Success

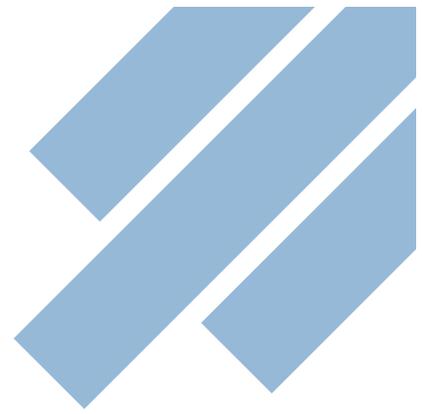
- » Fellowships make it possible for graduate and professional students to work side-by-side with Nobel laureates and other distinguished scholars, creating access to immersive and experiential opportunities in labs, in classrooms, in performance halls, and in the field. Supplemental **financial support from fellowships** enables students to focus on research and learning without the need to pursue outside employment.

Our Campus and Community

- » **Recruiting some of the most innovative thinkers** to conduct their graduate studies at UC San Diego has a ripple effect, enhancing our campus' intellectual community and contributing to an ecosystem of ideas that enrich our local economy through new startups, new ideas and new solutions that improve lives. Fellowships attract top scholars to UC San Diego, allowing us to bring the best and brightest students to our campus.
- » Fellowships **enhance research lab resources** by directly supporting graduate students who contribute their talents to advance faculty projects. Principal investigators with ready access to graduate students are stronger candidates for extramural grants, expanding the university's research enterprise ever further.
- » Expanding fellowship-supported research projects means **more and better professional development programming and interdisciplinary networking** for graduate students as well as **mentorship opportunities for undergraduates**.

Research and Innovation

- » Graduate students offer **fresh perspectives that energize connections** between faculty and learners at all levels while nourishing the pipeline of scientific and academic leadership for years to come. They also strengthen our research specialties and play a critical role in advancing faculty discoveries.
- » Fellowship support **empowers graduate students to conduct their own unique research** and fuels innovation in ways we can only imagine, while also connecting students to academic and professional networks through **conference travel and presentation opportunities**.



Help us continue the nontradition.

With your help, UC San Diego can continue to fuel graduate student innovation and excellence.

Together with your philanthropic support of the **Campaign for UC San Diego**, we can bolster already strong graduate departments by prioritizing access, affordability and excellence — providing critical resources needed to inspire and encourage the most talented changemakers to make a difference here.

Graduate education is a core element of the Campaign's Student Support and Success initiative. Maximize your impact on graduate education through the **Chancellor's Scholarship and Fellowship Challenge**, which provides a \$1 match per \$2 of gift up to \$5,000,000 for eligible gifts to graduate fellowships, health-related professional school scholarships, and undergraduate scholarships through the close of the Campaign for UC San Diego on June 30, 2022.

Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu/challenge-match or visit grad.ucsd.edu/impact.