UC San Diego is committed to addressing our students’ evolving needs through complementary programs that reinforce our fundamental responsibilities as a public university: ensuring access to UC San Diego's world-class education and empowering the success of our students, now and long into the future.
Ensuring the success of all our students means offering a comprehensive network of academic, social, and personal support. Our student support efforts reframe possibility and find creative solutions — including scholarships and fellowships — to increase student access to UC San Diego.

For many students and their families, the cost of a top-tier education feels out of reach. Our student support programs provide high-impact resources that help all our talented students graduate on time, develop leadership skills, and grow into the changemakers of the future.
WHY NOW?
A burgeoning system of programs and services will help address students’ academic, financial, and personal well-being, while an increasingly robust and immersive college experience will provide live-learn-play communities, unprecedented connections across the San Diego region, and wide-ranging educational opportunities in the classroom and beyond.

As we continue our historic growth toward enrolling 40,000 students, UC San Diego is committed to transforming our campus into a student-centered university that inspires our students to realize their full potential.

The Campaign for UC San Diego empowers these ambitions through a comprehensive fundraising effort that includes our Student Support and Success Initiative, which will ensure that learning is accessible and affordable for all.

With this initiative, we have the opportunity to build on — and expand — critically important support programs, seek innovative academic success programs, and better connect students with the resources they need to graduate on time and prepared for their lifelong pursuits.
INCREASING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

UC San Diego is committed to recognizing and rewarding our students’ excellence, providing opportunity, and enhancing the student experience. A broad range of scholarships and fellowships ensure that we continue to attract and retain a student community that is talented, ambitious, curious, inclusive, and reflective of California’s diversity. Philanthropic support for sustainable scholarship and fellowship funding builds opportunity and excellence across our campus, across our state, and around the world.
Not all students who are accepted to UC San Diego have the means to enroll. The full cost to attend the University of California has risen dramatically, and while federal aid and support from the State of California covers core expenses, students are responsible for a substantial balance. The burden placed on families, particularly those of first-generation and low-income students, limits access for many of our brightest future Tritons.

Need- and merit-based scholarships broaden access and affordability to UC San Diego’s world-class educational experience, enabling us to recruit exceptional learners and leaders whose dreams will redefine society.

Graduate fellowships are critical too — bolstering already strong graduate departments by providing the resources needed to inspire and encourage the most sought-after students to pursue their studies and research at UC San Diego.
Scholarships and Fellowships

Expanding Possibilities

Applicants receiving offers to attend UC San Diego are among the highest achievers in their communities. Each prospective undergraduate and graduate student is demonstrably capable of accomplishing great things, and the campus experience we offer is our investment in outstanding returns. But the socioeconomic realities many students face put higher education out of reach.
In the spirit of nontradition, we relish the chance to defy predictable outcomes. **Endowed support for student aid** will provide sustainable resources that increase the number of students we serve and welcome the most promising aspiring scholars.

**CHANCELLOR’S ASSOCIATES**  
**Seeding nonconvention**

Ability is random. Access is not. Established by Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla in 2012, our Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Program offers four-year $10,000/year scholarships to low-income enrollees graduating from underserved high schools across our region, and who are often the first in their families to attend college.

Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships level the playing field for aspiring learners. Thanks to this initiative, we have seen remarkable growth in the Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Program. Though we can be certain the generosity of our community will continue, UC San Diego seeks to cement the program’s impact by sustaining resources through endowment, which will allow us to support 800 scholars on campus every year.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**Recruiting the best and brightest**

Our ambitious students come from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds, contributing to UC San Diego’s vibrant campus community. Scholarships attract students of the highest academic merit and improve the pathway for qualified students from all backgrounds to achieve a higher education at UC San Diego.

Additionally, our move to Division I increases our need for athletic scholarships that entice students demonstrating both strong academic and athletic ability to enroll here, closing the competitive gap between UC San Diego and our Big West and other institutional peers.

**FELLOWSHIPS**  
**Fueling innovation**

Graduate fellowships ensure UC San Diego remains competitive among our peers. Support for graduate student talent strengthens faculty research, diversifies our discoveries, and builds an intellectual campus climate where collaboration is paramount. Graduate students increase our capacity in experimentation, scholarship, and mentorship for students from all walks of life and nourish the pipeline of future faculty, innovators, and leaders.
STUDENT SUCCESS

INSPIRING INNOVATORS AND LEADERS

At UC San Diego, student success is no accident. From the moment they set foot on campus, all of our students have access to social, psychological, and academic support — including tutoring, mentorship, and a nurturing community environment. As our student body continues to grow, transformative philanthropic support will allow us to scale our services, expanding and developing programs that enable students to flourish in the classroom and beyond.
Fostering student success is a systemic challenge. To better support our exceptional students, we have built an ecosystem of programs that respond to the challenges they experience transitioning to university life, offering flexible academic support and cultivating peer communities that provide fellowship and mentoring.

Opportunity gaps remain, however, and we look to our philanthropic partners to help ensure that no student is alone in confronting the challenges to the completion of their degree.

Recruitment of innovative faculty and a focus on inclusive excellence will center educational experiences on students and their wide-ranging backgrounds and needs. Rather than feeling isolated in a complex system, students will have access to readily available resources to help them build their success.
ACCESS AND SUCCESS

MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL

All of our students contribute to UC San Diego’s vibrant and diverse intellectual community. They also come from different backgrounds and levels of academic preparation. Mentorship programs and material resources can ease the often stressful transition to college, improving student success.
Ensuring the academic success of all our students is an ongoing effort that starts well before they arrive on campus and continues throughout their time at UC San Diego. Philanthropic partners empower student achievement through innovative and holistic programs that influence student success as early as middle school.
THE PREUSS SCHOOL
UC SAN DIEGO
For over 20 years, The Preuss School has enrolled middle and high school students from San Diego’s underserved neighborhoods who are the first in their families to go to college. By immersing young students in a college-bound culture and providing them with opportunities for success — mentorship, resources, and enrichment programs — The Preuss School creates leaders who will uplift their families, transform their communities, and change our world.

STUDENT SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM
The Student Success Coaching Program pairs first-generation students with a success coach from their undergraduate college who helps navigate campus resources, access support networks, and develop individualized student success plans.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES (OASIS)
OASIS is one of UC San Diego’s largest network of learning communities — committed to facilitating the intellectual and personal development of students, particularly those who face barriers to success.

• Summer Bridge is a year-long transition program for incoming students beginning with an intensive summer program and providing academic and personal support throughout the academic year.

• TRIO Student Support Services Program and Summer Experience is designed to offer first-year students tutoring, workshops, mentoring, and extracurricular experiences.

• Second Year Experience is a year-long retention program for sophomores that includes 2Excel and 2Connect, which offers community, advising, and other resources specific to second-year success.

• Hope Scholars Program offers current and former foster youth a variety of holistic services including academic, personal, interpersonal, and financial support that aids them in achieving a college degree.

• Facilitated group study sessions provide academic support to undergraduate students in lower division courses.

1,870
STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY BY OASIS

EVERY YEAR
800+
FIRST-GEN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDENT SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM
Academic success is just one part of our students’ college experience. Food and housing insecurity, mental health, and other psycho-social hurdles can have an outsized impact on our students’ well-being in ways that also impact their education — both in the classroom and across their lives on campus. **Philanthropic partnership can help all our students access the programs and services they need to focus on their education.**

**BASIC NEEDS**
A comprehensive network of programs and services ensures every Triton can live and study in an environment that nurtures their dignity, their health and well-being, and their mind, empowering their long-term success.

- **The Hub**, UC San Diego’s new basic needs center, links students with resources that help them access more affordable groceries, stable housing, financial assistance, and other services.
- **The Triton Food Pantry** offers a network of food resources and increases awareness of food insecurity so that every UC San Diego student has the nutrition they need for academic success.
- **Emergency relief resources** help students facing food shortages, homelessness, or medical emergencies connect with support services, including the Housing Assistance Grant Fund.

**PSYCHO-SOCIAL / SOCIO-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**
As the stigma of seeking mental health assistance fades, the demand for these services is increasing. UC San Diego’s broad network of support services including Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) helps our students manage the psychological, social, and emotional stressors of college so that they can succeed academically and professionally.

**STUDENT VETERAN RESOURCE CENTER**
Veterans face unique challenges transitioning to campus life. UC San Diego’s Student Veterans Resource Center identifies and mitigates the barriers to academic success for the military-affiliated student community including offering academic support programming, mental health services, disability accommodations, and veteran benefits resources.
15,000 VISITS TO THE TRITON FOOD PANTRY PER ACADEMIC YEAR

1,600 MEMBERS IN UC SAN DIEGO’S MILITARY-CONNECTED POPULATION

89% OF UC SAN DIEGO UNDERGRADUATES REPORT FEELING OVERWHELMED
TEACHING + LEARNING COMMONS

TRANSFORMING HOW WE TEACH AND LEARN

Successful teaching and learning require a well-orchestrated approach, including cross-connected academic resources for students and research-based pedagogical development for educators. Faculty participation in professional development activities boosts academic success and student retention while reducing the time it takes students to complete their degree. The Teaching + Learning Commons’ groundbreaking infrastructure provides comprehensive support for both students and faculty while serving as an incubator for student academic success innovations.
The six unique but integrated hubs that make up the Commons provide comprehensive academic support for students, guidance for instructors as they strive to provide a meaningful and supportive learning experience, and campus-wide collaboration and support for research-based educational innovations.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

Services provided by the Academic Achievement, the Writing, and Experiential Learning Hubs empower students to take control of their education, helping them to develop essential skills for learning across disciplines and enabling them to achieve their full potential.

- Pre-matriculation and sophomore summer success programs
- Peer-led content tutoring and study groups
- Academic internships
- Digital learning resources

**EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Programs and services for faculty and graduate student educators offered through the Engaged Teaching, Digital Learning, and Educational Research and Assessment Hubs support instructors in developing evidence-based, learner-centered, and equitable teaching practices that enable faculty and student success.

- Faculty Fellows Program
- Early Career Teaching Award
- Graduate Student Teaching Fellows and Scholars Programs
- Innovative learning facilities, tools, and resources

Housed within UC San Diego’s Geisel Library — the university’s intellectual hub — the Teaching + Learning Commons is the campus-wide innovative structure for advancing teaching excellence and student success.

**Philanthropic investment in the Commons will allow us to ensure our campus’s commitment to educational equity and excellence in teaching and learning.**

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**STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY BY THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT HUB**

6,000+

**GLOBAL LEARNERS ENGAGED THROUGH DIGITAL LEARNING**

3.4M

**STUDENTS RECEIVED ONE-ON-ONE WRITING CONSULTATIONS**

4,000+

**FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE SUPPORT ANNUALLY FOR TEACHING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

2,000+
The Teaching + Learning Commons helped me so much, and the environment prompted me to think critically. The Supplemental Instruction leader made me feel at ease, and I wasn’t at all intimidated to ask questions. I look forward to going because it’s an opportunity to continue learning beyond lecture.” — Judith, Eleanor Roosevelt College Senior
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

WHERE GENERATIONS RISE

At UC San Diego, we are committed to cultivating a community with heart where all feel welcomed. Toward this end, we are improving the pathway to education for talented students from diverse backgrounds. We believe learning happens best when individual identities are affirmed, and knowledge is approached from multiple perspectives. We are opening doors and providing opportunities to a new generation of students.
Exciting programs have been launched to improve access, promote belonging, foster dialogue, and strengthen academic success. Philanthropic support allows us to develop and expand programs that welcome and embrace an inclusive, socially just, dynamic community that blazes new paths toward revolutionary ideas, unexpected answers, lifesaving discoveries, and planet-changing impact.

PRECOLLEGE PROGRAMS
Precollege programs eliminate barriers to learning and connect high-achieving high school students with college subject matter courses and experiences. These programs equip incoming first-year and transfer students with the skills they need to transition to college-level courses and graduate in four years.

HONORING THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR STUDENTS
- The Latinx / Chicana Mexican Academic Excellence Initiative is designed to ensure that California’s fastest growing student population feels welcome, supported, and able to thrive at UC San Diego through transition programs, student success coaches, academic resources, and more.
- The Black Academic Excellence Initiative helps strengthen support for our Black campus community through expanding scholarship opportunities and cultivating a rich learning environment that fosters leadership and cultivates student success.

PATHWAYS TO STEM
This program opens doors for a new generation of diverse, high-achieving students seeking a pathway into the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Students benefit from scholarships, a summer transition program, internship placement, and robust mentorship.

INSPIRING FUTURES
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
Each quarter, we invite diverse visiting scholars to speak and teach at UC San Diego. Our students benefit from interacting with faculty members whose backgrounds are similar to theirs. By seeing role models, students are inspired to set big goals, elevating their own lives and their families’ trajectories.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY CENTERS
Students can find community, participate in high impact academic learning, explore social justice issues, develop as leaders, engage in open dialogue, and take part in educational and social activities through these resources. The centers contribute significantly toward the evolution of an inclusive climate, where all thrive.
- Asian Pacific Islander Middle Eastern Desi American Programs and Services (APIMEDA)
- Black Resource Center
- Cross-Cultural Center
- Intertribal Resource Center
- LGBT Resource Center
- Raza Resource Centro
- Women’s Center
EXPANDING HORIZONS

ENRICHMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At UC San Diego, education is more than what is learned in a lecture hall or a lab; it is about amplifying one’s experience through exploration and investigation of our world. And we offer students an abundance of opportunities to enhance their university experience with adventures that will forever enrich their character.
As our student population grows, so too must programs that expand personal, social, and academic horizons. 

Philanthropic support for our comprehensive range of experiences outside of the classroom will deepen students’ perspectives and further prepare them for life beyond graduation.

**STUDY ABROAD / GLOBAL SEMINARS**

UC San Diego’s Study Abroad and Global Seminars provide students opportunities to broaden their horizons, immerse themselves in a different culture, become fluent in a foreign language, and develop global awareness.

**CULTURE AND COMMUNITY**

Our students benefit from a campus culture that challenges our community to look deeper — whether through ArtPower’s avant-garde art performances, shining on the field as a Triton scholar-athlete or cheering from the stands, exploring the always growing Stuart Collection at UC San Diego, or catching waves on one of Outback Adventures’ surfing trips.

**THE BASEMENT**

As UC San Diego’s undergraduate accelerator, The Basement provides space and alumni mentorship for students to develop their business and product concepts. Students gain startup experience and expand their learning beyond the reach of traditional academic studies.

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

Through programs like Triton Research & Experimental Learning Scholars, UC San Diego provides undergraduates opportunities to participate in vibrant academic research that encourages exploration, inquiry, and investigation.

**SERVICE LEARNING**

Alternative Breaks provide our students with one-week national or international trips that blend social justice education with direct service to encourage students to become globally conscious active citizens.

**THE COLLEGE SYSTEM**

UC San Diego’s expanding residential college system helps students thrive in an intimate campus community. Each college provides access to personalized services and leadership opportunities for undergraduates, all within the context of one of the world’s best research institutions.
Through the Campaign for UC San Diego, philanthropic support for scholarships and graduate fellowships, access and success programs, the Teaching + Learning Commons, diversity and inclusion programs, and student enrichment experiences will transform possibility for our students now and in the future.

Ultimately, our goal is nothing short of full accessibility to all, and outstanding results for all. Our Student Support and Success Initiative will revolutionize what possibility means for our students now and in the future, and in turn the society they will lead. From the moment they receive letters of acceptance, UC San Diego students will know that their success is the yardstick by which we measure ours.

Help us continue the nontradition.
Continue the nontradition.

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.

Together with our philanthropic partners, we will continue our nontraditional path toward revolutionary ideas, unexpected answers, lifesaving discoveries, and planet-changing impact.

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