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60% of all undergraduates receive financial assistance to attend UC San Diego.

1,000+ recipients of Chancellor’s Associates scholarships since its inception in 2013.

34% of new students are the first in their family to attend a four-year university.
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And we are 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 fostering the success of our students, now and long into the future.

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

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Learn more about the Student Support and Success initiative and how it has the promise to transform lives.

WHY NOW?

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 young scholars to realize their full potential.
International studies and political science major Albana Bakaj found the transition from San Diego City College to UC San Diego challenging. But as a recipient of the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship, she had a peer mentor to support her in navigating UC San Diego.

From selecting classes and professors who could help her thrive to identifying campus resources that could provide academic support, Albana’s peer mentor made sure her experience was a positive one.

Now, as a peer mentor herself, Albana is helping new Chancellor’s Associates Scholars in the same way. “The Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Program connected me to useful resources,” Albana says. “But one of the best things it has given me is a supportive community that understands what I am going through as a first-generation college student.”

And that supportive community also empowered Albana to pursue graduate studies. Thanks to the advice she received from her peer mentor, Albana was able to focus on academics and extracurriculars, like internships, that are serving her future plans: She plans to take the LSAT and apply to law school after graduation.

MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL
ACCESS AND SUCCESS PROGRAMS

Our innovative and holistic access and success programs address our students’ physical, social, and emotional health and ensure their success starting well before they arrive on campus and continuing throughout their time at UC San Diego. These programs, and many others, allow our students to live and learn in an environment that nurtures their dignity, their health, and their mind.

Together with our philanthropic partners, we will continue to expand and scale programs that empower student achievement at UC San Diego and beyond.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 89% of UC San Diego undergraduates report feeling overwhelmed
- 900 students per week visit the Triton Food Pantry
- 800+ first-generation students participate in the Student Success Coaching Program every year
- 1,870 students served annually by OASIS
- 1,600 members in UC San Diego’s military-connected population
Biology major Edgar Sanchez was ready to jump into college with both feet. That’s why he participated in the Triton Freshman Scholars Program, an eight-week summer program designed to introduce incoming students to UC San Diego.

For almost two months before his first quarter, Edgar took college courses, lived on campus, made new friends, and learned about the resources available to him at UC San Diego.

And as the fall quarter began, Edgar was thankful for his experience: When he started Chemistry 6A, he decided to get ahead of the curve. “The Supplemental Instruction program at the Teaching + Learning Commons introduced me to peers who could share information one-on-one about how classroom concepts could be applied,” Edgar said. “It really helped reinforce the ideas I was learning in class.”

Now, Edgar is preparing for the rest of his journey at UC San Diego, and finding his place on campus and beyond. Inspired by his mom’s experience as a young nurse in Mexico, Edgar is enthusiastic about attending medical school after graduation. And with the support of his family, he is excited to see what the future holds.
David Anyakora always knew he wanted to help people. And the first-generation college student came to UC San Diego primed to become a surgeon.

But after an internship in the Department of Surgery at UC San Diego Health, David knew that he could do more. He hopes to become an advocate helping to reduce educational and health care disparities for non-English speakers in developing communities.

The challenge for David was balancing his research with the high cost of being a student. “Before I received the Triton Research & Experiential Learning Summer Scholarship, I was working two jobs — thirteen hours a day — just to afford to be here,” David says. “That’s the reality for a lot of students. But now, I can focus on bringing my ideas to life.”

Now, David has found a network that helps him do more. Whether he is attending events at the Black Resource Center, or advocating for fellow students with the UC Board of Regents, or playing lacrosse, or working to mitigate climate change via education, David sees the connections between many of our world’s most pressing problems — and exciting new ways to solve them.

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By improving access, promoting belonging, fostering dialogue, and strengthening the academic success of our talented students from diverse backgrounds, we can ensure UC San Diego continues to embrace an inclusive, socially just, dynamic community. These are just a few of the programs that help all of our students feel welcomed on campus.

Philanthropic support allows us to develop and expand programs that open doors and provide opportunities to a new generation of diverse students.
At UC San Diego, we offer students an abundance of opportunities to enhance their collegiate years with adventures that will deepen their perspectives and further prepare them for life beyond graduation. From on-campus activities to immersive experiences abroad, these and many other programs encourage our students’ growth as members of our global society.

Philanthropic support for our comprehensive range of experiences outside of the classroom has the power to expand our students’ personal, social, and academic horizons.

- Study Abroad
- Global Seminars
- Alternative Breaks
- The College System
- Culture and Community
  › ArtPower
  › Triton Athletics
  › Recreation
  › Stuart Collection
  › Outback Adventures
- The Basement
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities

REY LAUTENSCHLAGER ’22

MICHAEL ESTRADA ALTERNATIVE BREAKS SCHOLAR

Biology major Rey Lautenschlager has already traveled the world. Thanks to UC San Diego Alternative Breaks she has attended a national conference at the Grand Canyon; advanced civic engagement and education in Washington, DC; studied sustainability in Iceland; and did wilderness training on Catalina Island.

But without help, she never would have been able to participate in these national and international service learning trips. “My family had gone through a difficult few months, so they were very grateful for my scholarship. It was a weight off their shoulders to know that I would still be able to participate in this opportunity,” Rey says. “Many students in the program would not be able to have these experiences without scholarships.”

And Rey has made use of every opportunity. Her travels taught her about equity issues and provided her with a global perspective that enhances her ability to facilitate peer discussions as a UC San Diego Dialogue Ambassador.

Together, these experiences are helping Rey develop a broader worldview and inspire her passions for social impact work and science that address global issues, like hunger and climate change.
It takes a collective effort to ensure our students’ success, in the classroom and far beyond.

Our renown as an engine for social mobility signals even great possibilities for what we can do in the future. With the support of our philanthropic partners, our bright students will continue to develop — as individuals, as learners, and as leaders.

Please join us in supporting scholarships and graduate fellowships, access and success programs, the Teaching + Learning Commons, diversity and inclusion programs, and student enrichment experiences that will transform possibility for our students now and in the future.

“When you give, you give them a chance.”

— Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla
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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