Economic Benefits

**BETTER TOGETHER: UC SAN DIEGO AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

UC San Diego strives to improve our communities with exceptional educational opportunities, a collaborative and cross-disciplinary culture, and transformative public service. Our advances in science, engineering, the arts, humanities, and more help improve lives locally, nationally — even globally. And our campus is a major economic engine for San Diego — and a power for good around the planet.

**A Force for Growth**

A powerhouse in education, research, health care and community involvement, UC San Diego plays a vital role in the fiscal health of the region. One in every 17 jobs in the City of San Diego is linked to the university, which contributes $493.7 million in annual state and local taxes.

And our economic impact drives employment and government revenue not just locally, but throughout California. Our campus is critical to the economic vitality of our state, contributing significantly to our regional economy, public health, research, innovation, access to exceptional education, and more.

As the largest employer based in San Diego County, we take seriously our responsibility to provide an equitable and fulfilling workplace. And we are committed to making San Diego a better place to live, play and work.

- Our campus employs more than 35,000 faculty and staff, and supports more than 74,000 jobs in San Diego County and over 100,000 throughout California.
- UC San Diego provides $9.3 billion in annual economic impact for the county, including $4.3 billion in direct spending by the university, with a $12.9 billion projected economic impact by 2023.
- In the last five years, our research has helped launch 100 licensed start-ups in health care and engineering.

**Investing in Our Local Community**

UC San Diego’s roots as an experimental university mean we’ve always had one eye focused on making groundbreaking discoveries that impact our world right now, and the other firmly fixed on the future. Today, we are looking ahead at how our university can continue to pay very real economic dividends that benefit our region’s growth for years to come.

- $16.5 billion
  Annual economic impact in California — more than the entire annual revenue of Arizona — with a projected impact of $18.8 billion by 2023
- $80 million
  Tax revenue for the city over 20 years as a result of east campus development projects
- #4
  Public institution for start-up creation
- 1,000+
  Companies that utilize, or have utilized, technology created at UC San Diego
- #7
  In the nation for patents
- 3 million
  Community service hours contributed annually by faculty, staff and student volunteers