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 June 30, 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.

Chancellor’s Associates

Seeding nonconvention

We run with the renegades. For more than 50 years, Chancellor’s Associates have supported upstarts and the bright sparks at UC San Diego because we share the same nonstandards. Our generous annual support of the chancellor’s dynamic call to action funds critical priorities, generating Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships for qualified, motivated students and delivering pivotal support services that ensure their success. Our community of like-minded mavericks knows what it takes to change the world — and how philanthropy can upend convention.

Our principal vision is to expand the Chancellor’s Associates’ reach, scope and impact dramatically. To increase the number of Chancellor’s Associates on campus at any one time to 1,000 strong. To focus funding on supporting our scholars as they reach for success. And to clear the way for UC San Diego’s brilliant changemakers who will make a difference now and in the future.

Accelerating our impact means investing in opportunities to unleash the promise of people and programs. By increasing our annual funding to $10 million, we will be able to provide 1,000 Chancellor’s Associates Scholars with $10,000 per year for up to four years. By making an annual Chancellor’s Associates gift, you are supporting long-term scholarships that open doors and transform students’ lives.

Continue the nontradition.
Help us continue the nontradition.

With your help, Chancellor’s Associates can bring the best and brightest to UC San Diego. When combined with the University of California’s Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan — which covers fees for California residents whose families earn less than $80,000/year and qualify for financial aid — a $10,000 Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship effectively provides a full scholarship to UC San Diego.

Ability is random. Access is not. Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships level the playing field. Together, as a growing network of champions for educational advancement, Chancellor’s Associates will further the Campaign for UC San Diego, leveraging and empowering our audacious community to make waves here on campus and around the globe.

Make your gift of $2,500–$25,000+ today.

Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu.

Opening doors and changing lives

The Chancellor’s Scholarship and Fellowship Challenge, announced in February 2021 by Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, provides a $1 match per $2 of gift for eligible gifts to undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, and health-related professional school scholarships through the close of the Campaign for UC San Diego on June 30, 2022.

And gifts to Chancellor’s Associates may also take advantage of additional matching funds, thanks to the Karen and Jeff Silberman Chancellor’s Associates Inspiration Challenge II and the Timmons/Sandstrom Chancellor’s Associates Endowment Challenge.

- Contribute annually to Chancellor’s Associates to provide scholarships for additional students and ultimately sustain the continual presence of 1,000 Chancellor’s Associates Scholars on campus.
- Contribute to an endowment that will increase long-term funding for Chancellor’s Associates Scholarships, ensuring expanded outreach to talented qualified students and deeper financial support of our current scholars.
- Support Chancellor’s Associates Scholars in an academic division. You now have the option to designate your Chancellor’s Associates gift to an academic division, impacting the lives of scholars across campus.

Receiving the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship and counting on the CASP office has been a wonderful resource and support during my time at UC San Diego. I have made lifelong friends and met a lot of wonderful people. The CASP team truly makes you feel like a family.

— Max Ceballos ’22
Division of Biological Sciences, Human Biology

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