Opportunities, resources and support to ensure your success at UC San Diego and beyond.

admissions.ucsd.edu
Being admitted to UC San Diego means you are among the top students in the nation. When you join the Triton community, we are here to ensure you continue your success, while helping to propel you toward an even brighter future. At UC San Diego, we will connect you with world-renowned professors, supportive resources, unique experiential learning tools and state-of-the-art facilities with professional-grade equipment to help you get hands-on experience as early as your first year.

YOUR COLLEGE

UC San Diego’s undergraduate college system is a vital resource for student success. Beginning in your very first week, you will quickly realize what a unique and powerful support system your college truly is. You will be supported by the caring staff and robust resources shared by nearly 4,700 students in your college. Your college serves as your home college, offering the support of a small, liberal arts school, but with access to the dynamic opportunities of a top research institution. To learn more about each college, visit MYCOMPASS.UCSD.EDU.

Academic Advisors provide continuous advising and help you develop a plan to graduate on time. They also connect you to Honors programs, study abroad, research and internship opportunities, mentors, peer advisors, tutors and other resources to help you achieve your academic goals.

Student Life Staff are committed to enhancing your life outside the classroom, connecting you to clubs and organizations, student government, events and activities, like music festivals and dances. They also serve as an immediate support system for you and your family if you encounter any situations that require additional counseling or special accommodations.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

Your college offers 2-unit First-Year Experience courses for first-years and transfers. These courses are designed to help new students with the transition from high school and community college to a top 20 research university. Faculty lead weekly lectures and undergraduate leaders host smaller discussions.

You will gain:

- Awareness of internships, research opportunities and study abroad programs
- Effective research and study skills
- Enhanced communication skills
- Greater understanding of diversity and social justice issues
- Heightened commitment to your major
- More confidence interacting with faculty
- Stronger time management skills
- Understanding of how personal well-being impacts academic performance

19:1 student-to-faculty ratio

$1.4 BILLION in annual research funding

#1 UNIVERSITY FOR UPWARD SOCIAL MOBILITY

Among highly selective public universities, UC San Diego has the highest population of low-income students who have a high probability of thriving post-graduation.

YOUR ACCESS

ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM  AIP.UCSD.EDU

Choose from hundreds of internships across the arts and humanities, engineering, sciences and social sciences. All AIP students are paired with a faculty advisor for a well-rounded experience.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH UGRESEARCH.UCSD.EDU

Obtain valuable academic and professional preparation in any major by conducting research under the guidance of faculty mentors and presenting at noted research conferences.

REAL PORTAL (RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & APPLIED LEARNING) REAL.UCSD.EDU

The online portal connects students to more than 2,500 internship and experiential learning opportunities covering a wide range of industries, from wildlife film-making and a biomechanics study of tissue regeneration, to proprietary service site, located one block from the State Capitol Building.

ARTS & EXPRESSION

We have 12 visual arts studios, a gallery and performance space, and a state-of-the-art paint booth. Our professional theatre district is home to the Tony Award-winning La Jolla Playhouse and our nationally-ranked theatre & dance department. Music students utilize highly sophisticated concert halls and recording, editing and mastering studios.

UCDC  ADMISSIONS.UCSD.EDU/UCDC

Open to all majors, UCDC allows you to live and take classes in Washington, D.C. Internships include: working for congressman, house caucuses, federal departments, the NAACP and the National Immigration Forum, among many others.

UC CENTER SACRAMENTO  AIP.UCSD.EDU

Interested in state-level policymaking or journalism? You can take classes and intern at UC’s teaching, research and public service site, located one block from the State Capitol Building.

Why did you choose UC San Diego?

I love that UC San Diego is located close to big cities, like downtown San Diego and Los Angeles, but it also has a “small city” vibe. The campus is located in one of the most beautiful places in the U.S. and I knew I would be able to enjoy the town and live in a nice, quiet area, but also be close to a big metropolis. Also, since UC San Diego is such a big school, I knew I would have a lot of options academically and socially.
YOUR COMMUNITY

UC San Diego knows true excellence is achieved through productive relationships among people with diverse perspectives. Our community and resource centers provide opportunities to build these relationships by increasing awareness of social issues and encouraging dialogue. Most centers offer internships, as well as a place to study, take a nap, print a paper, eat or just hang with friends.

BLACK RESOURCE CENTER  BRC.UCSD.EDU
Serves the entire campus while emphasizing the Black experience. Promotes scholarship, fosters leadership and cultivates community.

CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER  CCC.UCSD.EDU
Promotes meaningful dialogues and context across all cultures, particularly those of underrepresented or underprivileged backgrounds.

INTERTRIBAL RESOURCE CENTER  ITRC.UCSD.EDU
Provides support to Native American students, including the Native American Student Alliance student organization, and promotes educational access in tribal communities.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
TRANSGENERER RESOURCE CENTER  LGBT.UCSD.EDU
A diverse, open and public space for all members of the university community to explore issues related to sexual and gender identities, practices and politics.

RAZA RESOURCE CENTRO  RAZA.UCSD.EDU
Creates strong connections with our surrounding community and fosters the access, retention and graduation of Latinx/Chicanx students.

STUDENT VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER  SVRC.UCSD.EDU
Connects military-affiliated students to appropriate resources, helps them transition to campus life and advocates for them on campus.

TRITON TRANSFER HUB  TRANSFERSTUDENTS.UCSD.EDU
A one-stop resource for transfer students seeking academic and personal resources, services and programs to assist them in navigating the unique transfer experience at UC San Diego.

WOMEN’S CENTER  WOMEN.UCSD.EDU
Fosters the educational, professional and personal development of diverse groups of women. Increases awareness of issues affecting all genders.

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SERVICES  UNDOC.UCSD.EDU
Offers a range of programs designed to provide caring, holistic and individualized support to students who are undocumented or from mixed immigration status families.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  STUDENTORG.UCSD.EDU
UC San Diego has more than 500 organizations ranging from pre-professional and academic orgs to social, spiritual, service, political and cultural clubs.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT  AS.UCSD.EDU
Associated Students is a campus-wide council that provides student programming and services, from concerts and events to wellness and local affairs.

GREEK LIFE  GREEKLIFE.UCSD.EDU
Greek Life values leadership, service, intellect and friendship. We have 25 fraternities and 21 sororities, including 18 cultural-based Greek Letter organizations.

STUDENT MEDIA
Write for The Guardian newspaper, ucsdguardian.org, work for Triton TV or be a DJ at KSDT radio station, ksdtradio.ucsd.edu.

ATHLETICS  UCSDTRITONS.COM
UC San Diego has earned 30 NCAA Division II national titles. Tritons currently compete at the Division I level.

Why did you choose UC San Diego?
I chose UC San Diego because of how close the Black community is. I visited the school three times before I decided to come here and every time, I’d make it a point to stop by the Black Resource Center. Seeing and connecting with people that can relate to the Black experience was a top priority of mine when I was applying for colleges. I was able to connect with a lot of Black students and staff and eventually envision myself going here. Also, the fact that it’s close to the beach is convenient and allows for a nice getaway when you need a small break from campus.
YOUR RESOURCES

UC San Diego student support services promote social, spiritual, occupational, financial, environmental, physical and emotional well-being.

CAREER CENTER
Helps students explore interest areas and prepare for careers and graduate and professional school applications.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS
Provides assistance with budgeting and obtaining financial aid, including scholarships, loans, grants and work study funds.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT & INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
Supports students by providing academic and personal resources, transition programs, enrichment opportunities and peer mentoring.

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Works with students to determine reasonable accommodations for documented psychological, psychiatric, learning, attention, health, physical, vision and hearing disabilities.

PARENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS
Helps parents and family members navigate university resources to help their students succeed.

SEXUAL ASSAULT & VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Provides violence prevention education and free, confidential services for students impacted by sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking.

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
Provides free, confidential counseling on legal topics, education programs, referrals to a private attorney and income tax resources, as well as internships and career advice for students interested in legal careers.

TEACHING + LEARNING COMMONS
Provides tutoring and supplemental instruction for the classes students often need a little extra help in. Writing & Critical Expression Hub helps students improve communication skills.

YOUR HEALTH & WELLNESS

RETURN TO LEARN
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UC San Diego has worked with a dedicated collective of UC San Diego administrators, public health experts, professors, staff members and student representatives to launch the multifaceted Return to Learn program. The goal of the program is simple: returning to in-person teaching, learning, conducting pioneering research and serving our communities in the safest way possible. UC San Diego remains committed to evolving our COVID-19 response and our Return to Learn program based on the most up-to-date data and recommendations from public health experts.

UC San Diego’s Return to Learn program aims to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 on campus and promote safety through three adaptive pillars that include transmission-reduction strategies, monitoring viral activity and public health interventions.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
Provides quality primary medical care by board-certified Family and Internal Medicine physicians, including urgent care and support services such as laboratory, pharmacy and x-ray.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
Provides free, high quality, culturally-sensitive and confidential counseling services, including individual, couples, family and group counseling, crisis/urgent care interventions and referral services.

RECREATION
Take fitness classes, enjoy our Climbing Center, take short outdoor trips or join a club or intramural sports team. We have 30 men’s and women’s club teams that travel and compete. We also offer a virtual space with live and pre-recorded online classes and programs.

YOUR HEALTH & WELLNESS

EMMANUEL
3rd Year, Human Biology major · San Diego, CA

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