

**“Students who do undergraduate research are more likely to go on to graduate school... This is most true when undergraduate research is encouraged early in a student’s career and where the research experience is not limited to honors students.” – Council on Undergraduate Research**

## Academic excellence. Scientific advances. Medical discoveries. Research that drives progress.

**Challenge...** Research is a part of every student’s education here at UC San Diego. Collaborating with inquisitive minds is a challenge, one that prepares you for real-world work beyond the boundaries of your college courses.

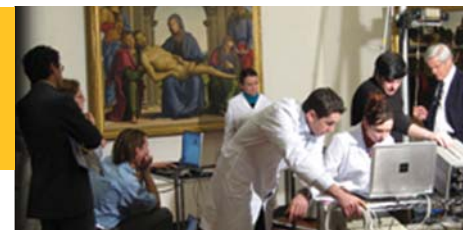
**Access...** Organized Research Units and world-class resources provide undergraduates with access to facilities, as well as practical experience – and it’s all part of the powerful University of California system.

**Faculty...** UC San Diego’s academic strength starts with our impressive faculty – faculty who win Nobel Prizes, Pulitzer Prizes, National Science Awards. Faculty who receive Guggenheim and Fulbright fellowships. Innovators who make life-enriching discoveries from black holes in the universe to earthquake-safe bridges to the human gene map. Artists who exhibit in internationally renowned venues and festivals. Faculty who *teach*, and involve undergraduate students in research every day.

**Innovation...** One of the newest majors on campus is ICAM – Interdisciplinary Computing in the Arts, weaving together elements of music, art, and cultural theory with computer science. Nearly every department on campus is based on an interdisciplinary model, so your work in the classroom reveals practical applications as well as theoretical ones.

**Inspiration...** Blazing new trails in 21<sup>st</sup>-century technologies – with top-ranked programs in biology, chemistry, economics, engineering, genetics, neuroscience, oceanography, political science, and theatre & dance – we provide a strong foundation for your future, and inspire you at every step along the way.

*UC San Diego is one of the most-prominent, most-cited, best-funded research universities in the nation, and in the world. Evidence of our local impact, national influence, and global reach can be seen and felt every day.*



**Go Global!** UCSD’s Study Abroad Programs send more than 1,100 students each year to 150 institutions in 35 countries; most are for academic credit. This year’s top-value opportunities are in South America, Asia, and Africa.

**Exchange This!** Pacific Rim Undergraduate Experiences (PRIME) gives an international focus to real-world research in several fields, with students living and working at host sites in Japan, Taiwan, China, or Australia.

**Get Practical!** The Regents Scholars Research Initiative offers top freshmen the chance to get into significant research projects during their first year on campus. Studies are available in all the Social Sciences, plus the Physical and Biological Science divisions.



**“One of the 10 most powerful research universities in the U.S.”**

— *Nature Yearbook of Science and Technology*

**6th among the world’s leading universities in the strength of its biotechnology research publications**

— *Milliken Institute*

**7th in the nation in knowledge creation**

— *Change Magazine*

**7th in the nation – federal research & development expenditures**

— *National Science Foundation*

**10th in the nation, quality of faculty and graduate programs; 1st in the nation for Oceanography; Neurosciences**

— *National Research Council*

**7th in the nation – National Academy of Sciences membership**

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**“7<sup>th</sup> highest-impact research institution in the nation!”** — *Thomson Scientific\**



**“You have so many possibilities. I came in here as a transfer student and found that at UCSD you can start out washing glassware in some lab and then be included in a research project or presentation or paper being published. I think it’s a modern attitude here – it’s just so open to whatever you want to do.”**

*Verena*  
major: *Human Biology*

**“The professors know what’s going on out there in industry. It’s cool to work in million-dollar laser and materials labs with the most cutting edge technology.”**

*Yan*  
major: *Electrical Engineering*

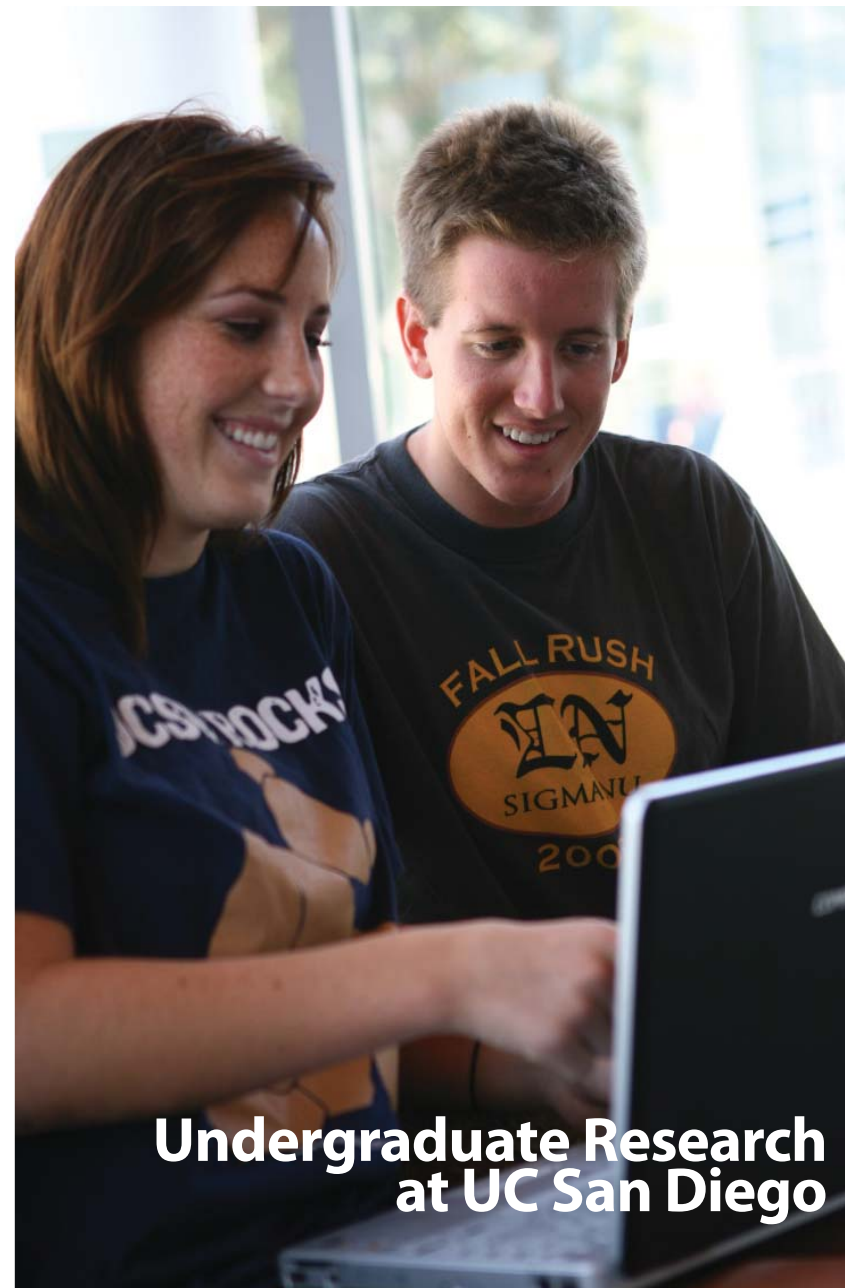


**“I heard about a research project through my Politics of Immigration class. It’s a year-long program, going to Yucatán to look at the migrant history of that state in México. First quarter, we learned about the culture – then we went there for two and a half weeks, and then in the spring we actually wrote a chapter in the book that the professor’s going to publish.”**

*Guadalupe*  
major: *Literature / International Studies*

\* based on the citation impact of published research in science and the social sciences

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