

University of California SAN DIEGO



UC San Diego

Student Resources



One of the greatest barriers many students face when researching universities is a misconception that they don't belong. Let me be the first to tell you that you belong at UC San Diego.

Our commitment to a diverse educational experience is something that extends to all students. No matter how you identify yourself, there is a place for you to feel comfortable, to challenge the status quo, and to grow and learn as an individual at this prestigious and innovative university.

As a person who celebrates diversity in thought, in community, and in spirit, I encourage you to investigate all of the opportunities that UC San Diego can offer you.

From prize-winning faculty and state-of-the-art facilities to provocative academic programs and vibrant student organizations, the opportunities here are just waiting for you to reach out and make them your own!

-Dr. Sandra Daley



*Sandra Daley is a physician and an educator, an Associate Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer, and Chair of the Board of The Preuss School. She's also traveled the world, although she's called San Diego home for 37 years.*

# A CADEMICS



At UC San Diego the most accomplished students from the U.S. and 80+ other nations challenge one another to explore beyond the boundaries of academic departments and majors. Here's a sampling of the dynamic, multi-disciplinary UCSD programs that explore diverse peoples and insights.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES** minor offers fascinating insights into the economic, political, and social factors that shape the unique attitudes, evolution, and dynamic life experiences of African-Americans. [af-amstudies.ucsd.edu](http://af-amstudies.ucsd.edu)

**CALIFORNIA CULTURES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE** minor allows students to explore the broad implications of the history and current growth of the state's immigrant and ethnic populations. [ucsd.edu/catalog/curric/CCCP.html](http://ucsd.edu/catalog/curric/CCCP.html)

**CLAH (CHICANO/A~LATINO/A ARTS AND HUMANITIES)** minor is designed to complement all majors by exposing students to the art, literature, history, music, theater, and language of Latinos and Latinas in the United States. [minors.ucsd.edu/clah](http://minors.ucsd.edu/clah)

**CRITICAL GENDER STUDIES** builds upon feminist scholarship and queer studies, incorporating both disciplines' agendas, intellectual debates, changing methodological practices and major scholarly shifts, fostering a lively community of students and faculty. [cgs.ucsd.edu](http://cgs.ucsd.edu)

**DIMENSIONS OF CULTURE** is a critical examination of the human condition in diverse America, challenging students to develop an awareness of many cultural perspectives across race, religion, class, and gender. [marshall.ucsd.edu/doc](http://marshall.ucsd.edu/doc)

**ETHNIC STUDIES** focuses on immigration, slavery, and confinement, intensively examining the social, cultural, and historical forces that have shaped the development of America's diverse ethnic peoples and which continue to shape our future. [ethnicstudies.ucsd.edu](http://ethnicstudies.ucsd.edu)

[academicaffairs.ucsd.edu](http://academicaffairs.ucsd.edu)

# RESEARCH



**UC San Diego is a research powerhouse widely recognized for our undergraduate research opportunities. Research provides you with skills that enhance your competitiveness for graduate or professional school admission or high-level employment.**

**CAMP PROGRAM** provides advancement opportunities to ethnically underrepresented students who are seeking bachelor's degrees in chemistry, physics, cognitive science, biology, other sciences, mathematics, engineering and technology. CAMP provides funding for your text books, internships, lab work, and travel, as well as national networking opportunities. [aep.ucsd.edu](http://aep.ucsd.edu) >> **Programs**

**CURE PROGRAM** promotes the potential cancer research careers of high school and undergraduate students from underserved populations. We believe reducing the disproportionate burden of cancer in many ethnic and racial groups will depend on the presence of culturally sensitive, well-trained scientists from these populations. Each spring, Moores UCSD Cancer Center selects 13 students to participate in the CURE Program. Students receive training in laboratory skills and safety, goal setting, time management, and academic and career guidance.

[cancer.ucsd.edu/outreach/Participate/CURE.asp](http://cancer.ucsd.edu/outreach/Participate/CURE.asp)

**HUGHES SCHOLAR PROGRAM** aims to further diversity in the sciences by creating an academic continuum from middle school to graduate school. The program is designed to increase the number of first-generation, low-income, historically underrepresented ethnic and cultural groups pursuing careers in biological, medical, and bioengineering fields. [hsp.ucsd.edu](http://hsp.ucsd.edu)

**MCNAIR PROGRAM** provides low-income, first-generation undergraduate students and students from groups under-represented in graduate education with effective preparation for doctoral study.

[aep.ucsd.edu/mcnair.htm](http://aep.ucsd.edu/mcnair.htm)

[ugresearch.ucsd.edu](http://ugresearch.ucsd.edu)



**The Campus Community Centers work with students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the San Diego community to build and sustain a socially just campus. By understanding and appreciating our diverse histories and experiences, we find connections to create strong communities.**

**CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER** offers art, social, and educational programs and workshops, student internships, and creative venues for enhancing social consciousness and equity. We are a campus home for many underrepresented students, staff, and faculty. Chill at "The Cross," use our kitchen, meet with friends, take a nap, check out a book or video from our lending library, or absorb the local art at ArtSpace. [ccc.ucsd.edu](http://ccc.ucsd.edu)

**LGBT RESOURCE CENTER** is a proud home for the entire LGBT community. We provide a visible presence on campus and enhance a sense of connection and community. We encourage you to get involved by becoming one of our interns or student staff, participating in one of the student groups, helping our peer support groups, joining the Umbrella Group, or volunteering. [lgbt.ucsd.edu](http://lgbt.ucsd.edu)

**WOMEN'S CENTER** fosters the educational, professional, and personal development of diverse groups of women. Relax in our cozy living room, study in our library, attend a program, or join one of the many student, staff, and faculty groups that meet here. We provide education and support on gender issues as well as information and referrals on a wide variety of topics. [women.ucsd.edu](http://women.ucsd.edu)

[community.ucsd.edu](http://community.ucsd.edu)



The work done at SPACES (Student Promoted Access Center For Education And Service) is student-initiated, student-run, and student-led. Our mission is to empower students to work for greater educational equity.

This encompasses equal access to higher education, undergraduate retention and graduation, and matriculation to graduate and professional schools. SPACES provides an environment for students to develop leadership skills, to collaborate and grow unity across communities, and to realize the power of student activism.

There are many leadership opportunities for UCSD students at SPACES. Currently there are 30 paid positions, and many volunteer gigs, such as giving tours, tutoring, visiting high schools, learning about San Diego and writing for a community newspaper.

[spaces.ucsd.edu](http://spaces.ucsd.edu)

The *Collective Voice* is UCSD's progressive newspaper that promotes social unity, justice, and awareness across the many communities on campus. We provide underresourced students the empowering opportunity to protect the representation of their identities and beliefs, and report alternative news not otherwise covered by mainstream media.



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speaking freely since 2008



**UC San Diego offers 550 student organizations and clubs on campus, and 30+ fraternities and sororities.**

### **STUDENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE**

works to build community, raise awareness to social justice issues, and empower underrepresented people. SAAC members: Asian and Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APSA); Black Student Union (BSU); Kaibigang Pilipino (KP); Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanola de Aztlan (MEChA); Native American Student Alliance (NASA); Queer People of Color (QPOC); Undergraduate Student Parent Association.

**APSA** provides a forum for all UCSD Asian and Pacific-Islander students to unite, to increase awareness about our heritage, and to build bonds and address differences between students.

**Facebook:** [UCSD APSA](#)

**BSU** hosts events all year for the community with the goal to inspire, enlighten, and uplift the Black/African-American community on campus. [blackstudentunion.ucsd.edu](#)

**KP** provides a space for people to learn about, share, raise awareness to, and appreciate Pilipino culture. [ucsdkp.org](#)

**MEChA** is dedicated to fighting for la raza (the people) of all backgrounds and origins, for equal access to education and for cultural awareness. **Facebook:** [MEChA de UCSD](#)

**NASA** raises awareness to the culture and heritage of Native American students, while contributing to the local Native American communities. **Facebook:** [Native American Student Alliance](#)

**QPOC** offers a safe space for queer-identified people of color to meet, dialogue, connect, and enact social/progressive change. We are open to anyone willing to discuss and learn about issues brought up by multiple and intensity identities.

[lgbtro.ucsd.edu/Orgs.asp](#)

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PARENT ASSOCIATION** is a network and support system for student parents, supported by staff and faculty who are dedicated to providing access to higher education for under-served, non-traditional, and underrepresented student population.

**Facebook:** [Undergraduate Student Parent Association](#)

# RESOURCES


**OASIS** is the learning center at UC San Diego. We provide most of the free tutoring on campus in a collaborative, supportive environment. We also provide peer mentors and peer counselors. The majority of students who use OASIS are outstanding students who want to earn high grades. Such achievement maximizes their ability to access graduate or professional school or employment after graduation.

**SUMMER BRIDGE** is a pre-college program that provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live on campus for four weeks, earn eight units of college credit, and develop a higher level of academic skills and abilities at no monetary cost to you. Any incoming undergraduate UC San Diego freshman may apply.

Summer Bridge students build confidence in their skills and knowledge about the campus. The program will mentally prepare you for the transition you will face as you make your way from high school to college. Many of the friendships you make through Summer Bridge will last throughout your college years and beyond.

[oasis.ucsd.edu](http://oasis.ucsd.edu) >> **Summer Bridge**

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