



# University of California San Diego: San Diego's Giant Economic Machine

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In 1964, the first class of four-year undergraduates enrolled at University of California San Diego (UCSD) and in 1967, Dr. Hugh Bradner, Provost of Revelle College, presented 20 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. John S. Galbraith, Chancellor, conferred degrees on the first four-year class of undergraduates. None of them lived on campus.

Since those founding days, UCSD (originally to be named UCLJ – University of California La Jolla) has made monumental strides and is now the largest civilian employer in San Diego County. This year, UCSD welcomed 43,000 students and will graduate more than 11,000. The degrees will be a combination of Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D., M.D., and Pharmacy. Of the total enrollees, approximately 15,000 live on campus.

The popularity of the university has resulted in its admission rate declining from 38% ten years ago to 24% today.

Geographically, in this year's undergraduate class fewer than a quarter were from San Diego or Imperial Counties. The largest group were from Los Angeles and Orange County (35%), 20% elsewhere in California, 7% from out of state, and 17% international.

The undergraduate student body had a very broad mix of ethnicities as only 19% were white, 21% Hispanic, 37% Asian, 17% international, and 3% black (statistics from the annual UCSD Student Profile published by the university).

The Forbes annual ranking placed UCSD as the 17<sup>th</sup> best university in the Nation and the campus was also ranked the third best public university (University of California, Berkeley and University of California, Los Angeles were number one and two). UCSD is the second most applied to institution for undergraduates in the country with more than 130,000 applications (number one is UCLA).

The school has an academic staff of 11,000 and administrative staff of more than 24,000.

## **Graduate Program**

UCSD's comprehensive graduate program is comprised of several divisions and professional schools, including the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Institute of Engineering in Medicine, School of Global Policy and Strategy, Jacobs School of Engineering, Rady School of Management, and Skaggs School of Pharmacy.



## UCSD Medical Facilities

The **UCSD School of Medicine** is the only medical school in San Diego County. The first cohort of medical students (39 men and eight women) enrolled in 1968. This year, UCSD School of Medicine faculty rank number one in the nation in federal research funding per faculty member and number one in clinical research. Today, the School of Medicine has 500 students and 900+ residents and fellows.

The 364-bed Jacobs UCSD Medical Center opened in 2016. It is one of several medical facilities on campus.

<b>Medical Facilities UCSD La Jolla Campus</b>	
Jacobs Medical Center	
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center	
Shiiley Eye Institute	
Moore's Cancer Center	
Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion	
Ratner Children's Eye Center	
VA Hospital	

It is also closely affiliated with several nearby regional research centers such as the Salk Institute, Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute, the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine, and the Scripps Research Institute and the La Jolla Institute.

## Past as Prologue

In terms of land, UCSD owns or controls 2,200 acres, half of which comprise the main campus. The Hillcrest campus has 60 acres. The next major land development effort will be 50 acres on the east side of Interstate 5 (I-5) adjacent to the medical school.

Although construction on campus is routine, starting in 2020 there has been a burst of major new construction activity. The first **Living and Learning** project on North Torrey Pines Road opened in 2020 and consists of 2,000 apartment beds and a grand total of 1.6 million gross square feet – the largest in the history of the school.



Not to be outdone, a second Living and Learning project is nearing completion in the **Theater District** at Torrey Pines Road and La Jolla Village Drive. That gargantuan project has 2,000 beds in high-rise towers and approximately 900,000 gross square feet, a 19,000 square foot market hall curated with many local food and beverage vendors, a new signature restaurant, and an Amazon fulfillment center, all supported by four levels of below grade parking.



Yet a third major residential complex is now underway near the “Blue Line” Trolley Station. Known as **Pepper Canyon West** Living and Learning Neighborhood, it will have 1,300 single-occupancy rooms in two 20+ story towers and will also include retail space and a grand total of 580,000 square feet. The State of California has contributed \$100 million for the project.

**Ridge Walk** is the fourth major student residential project in process. With 2,400 student beds, it will include 18 new classrooms and a 150-seat lecture hall.



<b>Student Housing Living and Learning UCSD</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Beds</b>	<b>Gross Sq.Ft.</b>
1	North Torrey Pines	2,000	1,600,000
2	Theater District	2,000	900,000
3	Pepper Canyon Wes	1,300	580,000
4	Ridge Walk	2,400	1,000,000
	Total	7,700	4,080,000

With the current housing on campus, UCSD can guarantee beds for two years for 2023 incoming students. Dr. Khosla, Chancellor of UCSD, has stated a goal of housing 50% of all students on campus by 2025. A future goal is to offer a four-year housing guarantee at below market rates.

Early planning has recently begun for yet another student housing community at **Pepper Canyon East**, which could deliver yet another 3,500 or more student housing beds, retail, and entertainment.

### **Near-Term Construction Program**

The exhibit below notes the myriad of new construction taking place on the La Jolla and Hillcrest campuses.



**Near-Term Construction Program  
UCSD  
La Jolla and Hillcrest**

<b>La Jolla</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Dan & Phyllis Epstein Amphitheater	2,8550-seat state-of-the-art	2022
Design & Innovation Bldg.	74,000 sf center for design & innovation activities	2022
8980 Villa La Jolla Drive	110,000 sf office building	2023
Torrey Pines Fire Station	10,500 sf tation	2024
UCSD Science Research Park	30-acre project; currently 280,000 sf	2026
Triton Center	4-bldg. \$428 million student center	2026

<b>Hillcrest</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Parking Structure	1,850 space garage	2023
Diagnostic & Treatment Center	250,000 sf medical facility	2025
Mixed Use Housing	For faculty, staff & post-doctoral students	2027
New Hospital	Future replacement of existing hospital	TBD

Perhaps the project that is getting the most publicity is the new **Triton Center**, housed in a four-building complex with the University's official address at 9500 Gilman Drive. It is scheduled for completion by 2025.

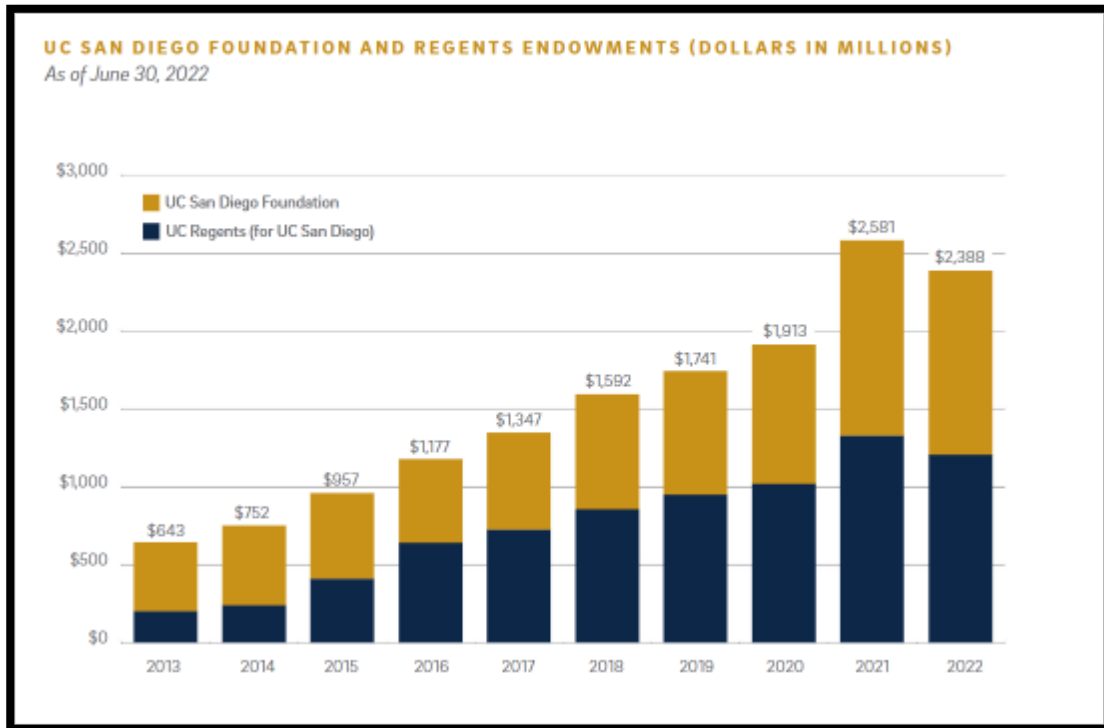




### **UCSD Funding**

In the fiscal year 2022, the University earned \$1.64 billion in research funding, up from \$1.54 billion the previous year. This marks the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the University has topped more than \$1.0 billion in research funding.

On a similar path, the school's Endowment Fund continues to grow and now surpasses \$2.0 billion.



The next time you have a few hours free, take a stroll through the La Jolla campus. Explore the more than 20 pieces of public art curated throughout campus as part of the Stuart Collection and have lunch at the Price Center. You won't see a lot of students out and about because they are in their dorms studying.