As one of the world’s most innovative universities, UC San Diego is driving social and economic prosperity in our region and globally. Our development of tomorrow’s workforce and technologies provides solutions to society’s challenges and establishes the campus as a key partner, cultivating a diverse and inclusive community that encourages respectful, open dialogue.

Global and National Rankings

1st Best public university in the nation for social mobility, research and public service (“Washington Monthly,” 2019)

4th Institution nationwide for startup creation (Milken Institute, 2017)

18th Best university in the world (Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2019)

$1.4 billion in sponsored research funding (FY 2020)

$16.5 billion annual economic impact in California (“2019 UC San Diego Economic Impact Report”)

STARTUPS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UC SAN DIEGO INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

The formation of new startups is a major contributor to the economic development and growth of the San Diego region, improving our community and quality of life. Through their financing activities, startups create new jobs and attract money to the region and ultimately provide a commercial product or service.

- 1000+ STARTUP companies launched at UC San Diego
- 100,492 JOBS supported across California
- MORE THAN 1,000 companies utilize, or have utilized, technology created at UC San Diego.
**ACCESS OPPORTUNITY**

Are you trying to develop new ideas or validate your existing technology? UC San Diego is committed to streamlining access to our talent, technologies and resources to develop revolutionary companies for the economic growth and benefit of a globally connected world.

Learn about new options to accelerate the completion of sponsored research agreements and license agreements.

[innovation.ucsd.edu/industry-relations/](http://innovation.ucsd.edu/industry-relations/)

**MENTOR AND VOLUNTEER**

With our robust entrepreneurial community, UC San Diego has the expertise to incubate the next generation of talent that will contribute to our innovative community.

Our Entrepreneur-in-Residence program recruits experienced entrepreneurs from the community to provide guidance to our faculty and student innovators in developing commercialization strategies, defining and expanding the market case, adapting business models, and accelerating the creation of new companies.

This, together with other mentorship programs such as Blackstone Launchpad, is designed to promote interdisciplinary relationships and creative connectivity across campus units, departments and teams, as well as with local industry partners.

[innovation.ucsd.edu/eir/](http://innovation.ucsd.edu/eir/)

**INVEST IN A UC SAN DIEGO COMPANY**

Our campus ecosystem provides a diverse, high-caliber and impact-driven cohort of new companies each year. Their needs are as distinct as their products and services. While varied in need, they all value connections with the investment community that can provide necessary capital to bring their products and services to the market.

[innovation.ucsd.edu/startups/](http://innovation.ucsd.edu/startups/)

**RECRUIT TALENT FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION**

UC San Diego is a major source of talent for the innovation workforce in San Diego. The campus is leading the way in experiential education for innovation, nurturing core skills for students to become productive contributors to society and engage in critical thinking and risk-taking. We invite you to consider our students when recruiting for staff positions or internships.

As the flagship incubator for UC San Diego student startups, The Basement is a space for all students to test innovative ideas and apply theory to real-world experiences.

The REAL Portal is one of our Engaged Learning Tools designed to help students discover, capture and share their career-readiness competencies developed while at UC San Diego.

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

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**DRIVING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN A GLOBALLY CONNECTED WORLD**

UC San Diego is a billion-dollar research enterprise in the heart of one of the most densely concentrated innovation hubs in the nation. Our campus is a unique place where fresh ideas translate into solutions that benefit humanity and promote social mobility. Interdisciplinary research encourages entrepreneurial faculty and students to move beyond individual academic departments and to explore the frontiers of novel research.

At the Office of Innovation and Commercialization, our mission is to accelerate the commercialization of UC San Diego innovations and contribute to a sustainable society by empowering a diverse entrepreneurial culture on campus and strengthening a dynamic innovation ecosystem.