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Strengthening UC San Diego's Innovation Leadership

See what we have accomplished in shaping the university as a leader in global innovation.

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UC San Diego's Commercialization by the Numbers

Technology Transfer at a Glance

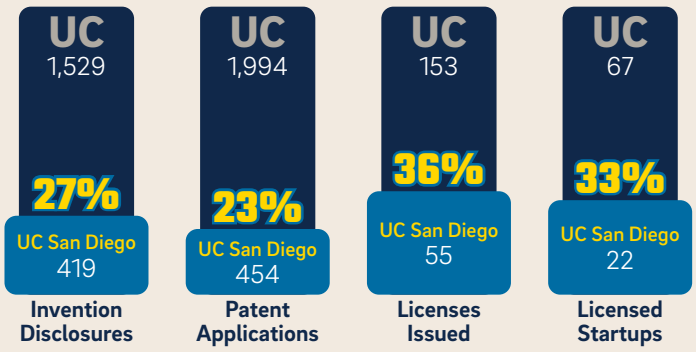
Here is UC San Diego's commercialization footprint for Fiscal Year 2026.

Disclosures	490
License Agreements	56 (146)*
Issued US Patents	164
Issued Non-US Patents	96
Licensed Startups	16
License Revenue**	$30.6M
Industry Funding	$207M

Reflects 56 technology license agreements, consistent with UCOP reporting; 146 total agreements, including repeat licenses.
Estimated; final revenue to be announced in 2028

UC San Diego Ranks #1 in UC System

Based on the UC Office of the President's most recent data, UC San Diego ranked first in four of six commercialization categories for Fiscal Year 2024.



Source: UC Office of the President, FY 2024 Technology Commercialization Report.

"UC San Diego's strength in innovation comes from our campus culture of collaboration and curiosity."†
– Corinne Peek-Asa, Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation

Learn about our impact within the UC system

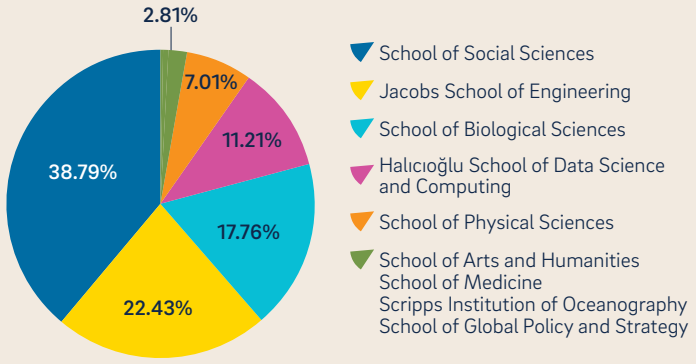
OIC's Impact and Reach

OIC Program Reach

Students Served (Unique)	5,084
Community Served (Unique)	2,513
Innovation Engagements*	15,385
Virtual Reach**	15,535

Sum of unique and non-unique engagements
Non-unique views of virtual content

OIC Student Participation across Disciplines*



Percentages reflect the number of declared majors and minors, not unique students.

†Source: UC San Diego Today, Aug. 13, 2026, "Five UC San Diego Innovators Nominated for First UC Regents Innovation Awards."
‡Source: Washington Monthly, Aug. 24, 2025, "America's Best Colleges for Research."
§Source: Clarivate, Jan. 30, 2025, "The Top 50 Universities Powering Global Innovation," Institute for Scientific Information at Clarivate.

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Highlights

Here are some of the stories behind our Fiscal Year 2026 numbers.



Advancing Dual-Use Innovation. The newly launched FORGE initiative focused on dual-use, national security innovation, partnered with the Horizon Accelerator to engage students, entrepreneurs, industry, and defense leaders through a Defense Hackathon and Dual-Use Technology Lunch & Learn—creating new pathways for developing and commercializing technologies with both civilian and national security applications. Learn more at forge.ucsd.edu.



Connecting Leaders Across the Space Ecosystem. The 2nd annual UC San Diego Space Day Forum brought together over 200 in-person attendees from 90+ organizations, connecting industry, government, investors, academia, and the startup community around the future of space and dual-use innovation. The sold-out forum demonstrated strong demand for cross-sector collaboration and dialogue.



Honoring Innovation Across UC San Diego. The 2026 Chancellor's Innovation Awards recognized Carter Palmer, Ph.D. '23 as Student/Alumni Innovator of the Year for his work founding Third Element Bio. The awards also honored Hybrid Reefs as Startup of the Year, founded by Daniel Wangpraseurt. In addition, seven UC San Diego faculty-led teams received AIM acceleration funding to advance groundbreaking technologies across health, defense and critical infrastructure.

Founder Perspective

"The Office of Innovation and Commercialization has been instrumental in helping us move innovations from academic research toward commercialization and real-world impact. Through its network, community, and the Horizon Accelerator, we gained invaluable opportunities to showcase our work, build partnerships, and grow Hybrid Reefs. We are proud to have received the UC San Diego Chancellor's Innovation Award for Startup of the Year 2026, and we are immensely grateful for OIC's continued support."

– Daniel Wangpraseurt, Founder of Hybrid Reefs



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