

## **UCSD Ranked Eighth Best Public University in U.S. News & World Report Nationwide Survey**

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The University of California, San Diego ranked as the eighth best public university in the nation in the 2008 *America's Best Colleges* guidebook issued today by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Among all 262 national universities--164 public and 98 private--UC San Diego was listed as 38th, outranking older institutions such as Case Western Reserve, the University of Washington, the University of Texas-Austin and Syracuse University.

Topping the ranks of national universities were Princeton, Harvard and Yale, respectively. UC-Berkeley was ranked first among public universities.

The *U.S. News* rankings are based on key measures of quality, including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation rate performance. Among these categories, UCSD had a top 99 percent for freshmen admitted who were in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

The new 2008 guidebook includes a separate category for engineering schools. In it, the UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering was ranked 15th among engineering schools at public universities, and the school's biomedical/biomedical engineering program was ranked fourth in the nation.