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UC San Diego Ranked Top College for Return on Investment

Campus lauded for low cost and high alumni salaries



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In a new college affordability ranking, the University of California, San Diego has been named the 6th best college in California for its return on investment for graduates. On average, UC San Diego alumni enter the workforce earning an estimated \$48,400 per year after graduation, positioning the university among the most financially effective of all California post-secondary schools.

This distinction comes from a new metric created by The College Database, a free, non-commercial website aimed to provide current and future post-secondary students and their families with accurate and valuable college and career related information.

Schools on The College Database's best return on investment list have annual tuition rates below \$20,000 and new graduates who earn more than \$40,000 per year, on average.

"As one of the world's premier universities, we are committed to educating next generation leaders and ensuring accessibility and affordability for all promising students," said UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. "The success of our alumni speaks to the high-caliber academic and student experience that we provide on our campus, and how a UC San Diego education prepares students to be innovators and visionaries."

Matt Davis, managing director of The College Database, says: "With the cost of college a concern for many families, it's important for students to find a school that produces successful, well-paid graduates. Therefore, it's equally important to recognize the colleges and universities that offer both quality and affordable post-secondary options."

UC San Diego has been consistently lauded for its affordability and the high earnings of its alumni. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine recently ranked UC San Diego the 10th best value public university in the nation based on cost and financial aid, average student debt, competitiveness, graduation rates and academic support.

In addition, UC San Diego was named one of the nation's "best value" colleges and universities by *The Princeton Review* for its academics, cost and financial aid.

For more information on The College Database's best return on investment list, go to <http://www.onlinecollegesdatabase.org/online-colleges-in-california/#high-starting-salary-colleges-California>.

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