

UC San Diego Named “Best Value” College

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The University of California, San Diego is ranked among the nation's top 10 "Best Value" public colleges for 2009 by *The Princeton Review*, one of America's most widely known education service companies.

The *Review* listed UC San Diego in seventh place on its annual ranking of the 50 private and 50 public "best value colleges." The University of Virginia topped the "best value" public college list.

The institutions selected as "best value" choices for 2009 were based on surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 public and private colleges and universities, the *Review* said. The selection criteria covered more than 30 factors in three areas: academics, costs of attendance and financial aid. List tallies were made using the most recently reported data from each institution in its 2007-2008 academic year.

A narrative profile of UC San Diego in the *Review* notes: "Mathematics and the sciences reign supreme at the University of California, San Diego, a school whose excellent reputation, huge research budgets and idyllic climate have helped it attract eight Nobel laureates to its faculty. While research and graduate study garner most of the attention, undergraduates still receive a solid education that results in an impressive degree."

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