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The University of California, San Diego marked the second best year for private support in its history, exceeded only by last year's total which included the extraordinary endowment for the Geisel Library.

Private support for fiscal year 1996-97 totaled \$58.1 million. Gifts from individuals amounted to \$11.7 million, while foundations gave \$20.1 million and corporations donated \$15.6 million.

"We are extremely grateful to the donors and volunteers who were responsible for these generous gifts," noted Robert C. Dynes, UCSD chancellor. "That \$58.1 million is an astounding amount of money for our donors to give in support of the teaching, research and service functions of UCSD. Since the state provides only 20 percent of the total campus budget, the need for private support is crucial."

Of the total, the largest gift amount, \$35.3 million, went to support research. Gifts for instruction were up 74 percent this fiscal year over last year, student support was up 11 percent and unrestricted gifts up seven per cent over the previous year.

Among major gifts received in the past fiscal year, \$1.9 million was donated by the Madge Elaine Lawhead Trust of Coronado to establish the Madge Elaine Lawhead Endowed Scholarship for undergraduate students.

A total \$1.1 million was donated by the E. Turner Biddle Trust and Lois B. Biddle Trust of Palm Springs to the Keck Foundation Center for Ocean Atmosphere Research at UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Chugai Pharmaceuticals of San Diego donated \$1 million to establish the Chugai Pharmaceuticals Chair in Cancer at the UCSD Cancer Center, and Ronald R. Taylor of San Diego gave \$519,257 to establish the Ronald R. Tylor Chair in Information Technology in Computer Science at the UCSD School of Engineering.

Sixty-two endowed chairs have been established at UCSD since 1980 and are used by the campus to recruit and retain faculty stars.

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