

## UCSD to open new International House this Fall

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### UCSD OPENS NEW INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

The University of California, San Diego will open an International House this fall to provide a center for students to live and learn in an atmosphere of cultural diversity.

International House will initially share the new Pepper Canyon apartment complex on the southeastern corner of campus with Fifth College. Harriet Marsh, dean of Fifth College, will serve as acting director of International House.

UCSD's International House is one of only two such facilities in the University of California system. International House at UC Berkeley, which opened in 1930, has about 600 residents, most of whom are at the post-graduate level.

International House at UCSD will provide an environment and programs that foster understanding, cooperation and friendship among individuals from different nations, cultures and backgrounds -- a place where students, scholars and faculty from the United States and abroad will come together to share concerns and perceptions.

"There has been a terrific response to International House," said Jane Hett Macdonald, resident dean of Fifth college, who has on-site responsibility for International House. "We have 197 residents from 30 different countries. One half of the group are juniors and seniors and one half are graduate and post doctoral students." According to Macdonald, the residents range in age from 19 to 45 years and over half are from other nations.

"International House will be an integral part of UCSD's international thrust and will work closely with the UCSD International Center and the Friends of the International Center," said Marsh.

The new Pepper Canyon Apartments complex where International House is located consists of two, three and four bedroom apartments. Six of the buildings in the complex are designated for International House. Living at International House will provide opportunities for those from other countries to better know and understand the people and cultures of the United States and enable Americans to broaden their personal and intellectual horizons.

The student staff who live and work in International House are from Japanese, Chinese, Persian and American backgrounds. There is also a Faculty Fellow in residence with an extensive international background. Programs will be planned and facilitated by the residents with the assistance of the staff.

Typical programs will include international speakers, national theme days or evenings; multicultural festivals (film, music, folk dance, food); discussions about world issues and about cultural similarities and differences; research presentations across the spectrum of disciplines; and receptions for visiting dignitaries.

Five nights a week, one of the Pepper Canyon lounges will feature an international coffee house where International House and Fifth College residents, as well as all interested members of the UCSD community, will be welcomed for both informal socializing and various programs.

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