

UCSD Institute For Continued Learning Receives \$100,000 Lifelong Learning Grant From The Bernard Osher Foundation

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The Bernard Osher Foundation has awarded University of California, San Diego's Institute for Continued Learning (ICL) a \$100,000 grant to become the newest member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a membership program that provides lifelong learning to persons 50 and over who are retired or semi-retired.

Support from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will broaden the membership and expand the program activities of UCSD's learning-in-retirement program, ICL.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, ICL has had a long history of continuous growth and improvement, and currently provides timely, informative and engaging programs to an active membership of over 300 senior students who look to ICL to meet their intellectual and social needs.

"ICL reflects UCSD's commitment to offer significant learning opportunities to the area's growing population of retired and semi-retired men and women. This generous grant will allow us to provide even more exceptional programs and further expand faculty involvement," said Mary Walshok, dean of UCSD Extension and associate vice chancellor, Public Programs. "We greatly appreciate the financial assistance provided by the Osher Foundation."

The Osher Foundation offers grants of up to \$100,000 per year for up to three years to develop and implement lifelong learning in retirement programs. Upon demonstrated success, the Foundation also considers establishing endowments of at least \$1 million to support individual Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes.

About the Bernard Osher Foundation - California businessman Bernard Osher created the Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco in 1977. It focuses on education and healthcare. The foundation collaborates with university programs nationwide to offer intellectually stimulating learning in retirement programs.

The Institute for Continued Learning (ICL) is a self-directed, self-supported adult education program presenting a broad range of learning opportunities for retired and semi-retired San Diegans. On average, ICL boasts 400 community members and hosts over 100 courses and events a year. ICL operates as an integral part of UCSD, and under the direct oversight of UCSD Extension. Anyone age 50 and older can sign up to receive additional information about the ICL program by calling (858) 534-3409 or e-mailing a request to rwilke@ucsd.edu.

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