

Graduate programs in medicine, engineering, drama and film ranked among nation's best, says U.S. News and World Report

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In a reputational survey conducted by the U.S. News and World Report, graduate and professional programs in medicine, engineering, film, and drama/theater at the University of California, San Diego were rated among the nation's best.

The magazine survey, published for the eighth time, is one of only a few comparative studies of its kind conducted in this country. As such, it generally receives widespread national attention. The survey will appear in the March 10 issue of the magazine and in a 178-page guidebook, both available on newsstands Monday, March 3.

Among graduate and professional programs ranked this year by the magazine, UCSD ranked third in the nation in drama/theater, behind Yale University and New York University, ranked first and second respectively. UCSD moved up from its sixth place ranking in 1994, when the magazine last ranked arts programs. Criteria included a school's scholarship, its curriculum, and the quality of its faculty and graduate students. Also in the fine arts, UCSD's graduate program in film ranked 12th in the nation.

Among the nation's medical schools, UCSD ranked 20th in a survey of all 125 research-oriented medical schools. Medical schools were graded according to the following criteria: student selectivity, faculty resources, reputation, research activity and primary-care rate.

Meanwhile, the School of Engineering broke into the top 25 for the first time, the youngest institution represented in this top group. According to this year's survey, the School of Engineering was ranked 23 after ranking 29 in 1996 and 43 in 1995. The School's Department of Bioengineering also was ranked number four among biomedical engineering specialties in the 1997 survey. Results for the 219 graduate engineering programs were determined using five measures: faculty resources, research activity, student selectivity, and two institutional reputation surveys to academic and practicing engineers.

In another survey released in 1995 by the prestigious National Research Council, UCSD ranked 10th in the nation by the number of graduate programs rated in the top ten based on faculty quality. The NRC study--considered the most definitive of its kind--ranked faculty quality of 14 graduate programs at UCSD in the top ten in their fields. Among others, oceanography and neurosciences rated first in the nation, with biomedical engineering and physiology coming in second. In the same survey, the UCSD School of Engineering was ranked number nine in the nation.

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