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UC San Diego is World's 7th Best Public University, According to Times Higher Education

The University of California San Diego has been ranked the seventh best public university across the globe by [Times Higher Education World University Rankings](#). In its 2016–17 report, the London-based publication named UC San Diego 22nd in the United States and 41st internationally.

"We are pleased UC San Diego is recognized worldwide as a leading research university that benefits our world through our mission of education, research and service," said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. "Our exceptional scholars challenge convention, break barriers and advance the frontiers of knowledge in order to transform lives and protect our planet."

Times ranked 980 of the world's leading research universities, drawing on 150 separate data points. The ranking methodology takes into account a variety of indicators, including quality of teaching, knowledge transfer, international outlook and research influence.

Recent research led by Veerabhadran Ramanathan of UC San Diego's [Scripps Institution of Oceanography](#) inspired new legislation that was signed into law by California Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown to restrict emissions of short-lived climate pollutants such as methane, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) used in refrigeration, soot and other forms of black carbon. In addition, the [largest long-term study](#) of adolescent brain development was launched by the National Institutes of Health with leadership from UC San Diego. The goal is to gain insight into what helps adolescents traverse that potentially tumultuous pathway to become healthy and productive adults. Other advances include a discovery from researchers at the campus's [Jacobs School of Engineering](#) that a single molecule can command stem cells to easily and effectively regenerate bone tissue.



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UC San Diego consistently performs well across a variety of national and international rankings. Whether measuring the university's research and its influence, or the economic diversity of its students and graduation rates, the campus demonstrates excellence across the board. Recent accolades include:

- **No. 1 public university in the nation**, ranked by Washington Monthly based on social mobility, research and civic engagement.
- **1st in the nation for women graduates in STEM**. According to a study by BestColleges.com, UC San Diego's proportion of STEM female graduates is three times the national average.
- **2nd in the nation for high numbers of low-income students and graduation rate success** by the Washington, D.C.-based Third Way.
- **10th best public university**, according to U.S. News and World Report.
- **14th best university in the world** by the 2016 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU).
- **29 of UC San Diego's undergraduate and graduate programs** and disciplines hold top ten rankings nationally and globally.

For more information on UC San Diego's rankings, click [here](#).

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