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UC San Diego Again Rated No. 1 “Golden Age” University in the World

New list ranks world’s best institutions founded mid-century—an era when there was rapid university expansion and increased investment in research

For the third consecutive year, the University of California San Diego has been named by Times Higher Education the No. 1 college founded between 1945 and 1967. The rankings are based on teaching, research, citations, knowledge transfer and international outlook. The list from Times Higher Education ranks the top 271 universities founded in the post WWII era, a time characterized as the “Golden Age” in higher education for having rapid university expansion and increased investment in research.



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The publication ranks universities founded in this era because they have embedded academic practices without being hundreds of years old.

“We are honored to continue to receive recognition from Times Higher Education,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “UC San Diego is at a critical point in its history. Our broad expertise has become richer with the possibility of innovation through hiring additional cross-disciplinary faculty; establishing new think tanks, research centers and institutes; as well as expanding industry partnerships locally, nationally and internationally.”

University’s upward trajectory marked by physical transformation including new campus neighborhoods and research centers

The campus' incredible growth in recent years has been marked by construction on several new projects including the [North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Community](#) which will consist of vibrant mixed-use "neighborhoods" incorporating residential, academic, administrative, public, and retail and dining spaces.

In addition to breaking ground on buildings and more, UC San Diego also has spearheaded groundbreaking research recently. The U.S. Immigration Policy Center was established this past spring by Tom K. Wong, associate professor of political science at UC San Diego. The center aims to address immigration policy debates in [real time by bringing data-driven research](#) to decision makers, media and the public.

Amid international trade wars and tensions, the campus also launched [Center for Commerce and Diplomacy](#), which is dedicated to informing government and business leaders about new research reassessing the relationship between commerce and diplomacy.

In addition to innovative teaching and research, the campus' culture of creativity is evident in the entrepreneurial work carried out by UC San Diego, faculty, staff, students and alumni.

For the 2018-19, academic year, UC San Diego saw a [record number of commercial licenses and patents](#), and the campus has the potential to have the most startups within the University of California system.

Dominating higher education rankings lists across the globe

UC San Diego consistently is highly ranked by a number of national and international organizations. The campus ranked 4th among public research universities in the U.S. in this year's annual ranking of high-quality scientific research institutions by the journal Nature. In addition, the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) placed UC San Diego 15th among its list of the globe's best universities. And U.S. News and World Report's named the campus the 17th best university in the world in their "Best Global Universities" list.

For more information about the Times Higher Education's "Golden Age" university list, go to [their rankings website](#).

For more information about UC San Diego's rankings, go to the [Campus Profile website](#).

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