

UCSD to welcome record number of students as fall quarter gets underway September 21

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Media Contact: Pat JaCoby, (619) 534-7404 or pjacoby@ucsd.edu UCSD TO WELCOME RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS AS FALL QUARTER GETS UNDERWAY SEPTEMBER 21

An increase in enrollment of three percent, or approximately 550 more students this year than last, is anticipated at the University of California, San Diego as the fall quarter begins Sept. 21.

Although enrollment figures for the fall term won't be definite for a few weeks, the projected total enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students is about 19,200, according to Robert Starkey, UCSD analytical study officer. This compares to a total enrollment of 18,650 last year.

The estimated total includes 15,700 undergraduates, 2,300 graduate students and 1,200 School of Medicine graduate students.

There were approximately 28,000 applicants for freshmen enrollment this year. Of these, the 3,300 accepted had an average high school grade point average of 3.87 and average combined Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of 1,240.

On-campus housing is so tight this year, said Housing and Dining Services Director Larry Barrett, that 88 temporary spaces have been created by converting a four-person apartment to five persons or adding an extra bed in a residence hall.

Students this year will find a technologically-oriented venue, where a personal computer is becoming a necessity (although laptop computers are not required, as at some colleges) and cable TV, electronic mail and the internet are provided in each on-campus housing facility. Small appliances such as popcorn machines and microwave ovens are allowed, but the campus stops short at allowing pets, except for gold fish in a small aquarium.

Returning students won't find many structural changes made around the campus during the summer, with the exception of two new buildings and one renovation underway at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Major revamping including painting, recarpeting, retiling and new furnishings was made on some 800 housing spaces at Muir and Revelle colleges in a cyclic summer spruce-up.

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