

## **UCSD graduate programs in science, medicine and engineering among the 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 programs in science, medicine and engineering at the University of California, San Diego ranked among the top institutions in the country.

The magazine survey, published for the seventh time, is one of only a few comparative studies of its kind conducted in this country. As such, it generally receives widespread national attention.

"Although such surveys sometimes don't tell the whole story about academic quality, this year's report generally recognizes that graduate programs in science, engineering and medicine at UCSD rated among the nation's best," said Richard Attiyeh, vice chancellor of graduate studies and research at UCSD.

The survey, to be published in March 18 issue of the magazine, found that for each of six doctoral science programs listed in the survey, UCSD ranked in the nation's top 25. Questionnaires were sent to department heads and directors of graduate studies at schools that had granted a total of five or more doctorates in each listed discipline during five-year periods beginning in 1989. Ratings were based on a school's reputation for scholarship, curriculum and the quality of the faculty and graduate students.

UCSD's rankings were as follows: biological sciences, 15; chemistry, 20; computer science, 25; geology, 16; mathematics, 19; physics, 17.

Among the nation's 125 medical schools, UCSD ranked 18. Medical schools were graded according to the following criteria: student selectivity, faculty resources, reputation, research activity and primary-care rate.

Engineering at UCSD ranked 29 among the nation's 219 graduate engineering programs, according to the survey. Measures used to determine rankings for engineering included faculty resources, research activity, student selectivity, and two separate measures of reputation--by academics and practicing engineers.

Among the specialty programs offered in engineering at UCSD, biomedical engineering ranked fourth in the nation, behind Johns Hopkins University, Duke University and MIT.

In a long-awaited survey released last September 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 study--considered to be 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 neuroscience rated first in the nation, with biomedical engineering and physiology coming in second.

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