

## Fall classes begin

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Fall classes begin September 22 at the University of California, San Diego with thousands of students joining Chancellor Richard Atkinson in beginning their first year at UC San Diego.

Anticipated enrollment is 11,478 compared with last year's fall enrollment of 11,180. Final enrollment figures are not available until after the quarter begins.

Enrollment this year includes 9,038 undergraduates, 1,175 graduate students, 180 Scripps Institution of Oceanography students and 1,085 students enrolled at the School of Medicine. The School of Medicine figure includes about 500 medical students, with residents, interns and nurse practitioners constituting the remainder of the total.

For Dr. Richard C. Atkinson, who assumed duties as chancellor on July 1, the beginning of classes marks the beginning of his first academic year at UC San Diego.

Atkinson, an experimental psychologist and applied mathematician, served as director of the National Science Foundation for three years before his appointment as chancellor. He was deputy director for nearly two years before that. He went to NSF from Stanford University, where he was a professor in the Department of Psychology and associate dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences.

Enrollment has increased this year, and with that increase comes an increase in the housing problems faced by students, according to Gloria Spencer of the Off-Campus Housing Office. Only 562 married-student apartments and 2,910 spaces for single undergraduate students are available on campus, providing housing for a fraction of the number of persons in need of accommodations.

Spencer's office has been inundated with requests from students hoping to get settled before the quarter begins. According to Spencer, the housing shortage is made worse by increasing housing costs. She said she has noticed a climb in rents just in the past few months.

Persons with available rentals can list their openings free at the Off-Campus Housing Office in Building B of the Student Center Complex at the university. Phone 452-3670 for more information.

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