

UCSD named winner in Higher Education Awards Program

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The University of California, San Diego, is one of five top winners in the Higher Education Awards Program sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO).

The program, sponsored by Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, recognizes initiatives submitted by colleges and universities that have made achievements in improving the quality and reducing the cost of higher education programs and services.

UCSD received a second place award of \$7,500 for its submission, Automated Merit Process System.

Steven W. Relyea, vice chancellor, Business Affairs, said that UCSD custom designed its own automated merit process system when no similar information system could be found to adopt. The new automated system eliminates the forms that were required for manual merit calculations, and its built-in mathematical calculations and edit features reduce the process time of merit increases.

The increased efficiency and streamlining of merit award procedures have saved the university over \$42,550 annually, Relyea noted.

NACUBO received 79 submissions from various higher education institutions whose initiatives have improved their services, reduced expenditures and generated revenue. The finalists were chosen by the Higher Education Awards Program Council.

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