

Community businesses join new corporate Friends of the UCSD Library Program

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San Diego businesspeople will have easier access to the vast scientific libraries of the University of California, San Diego through a recently established Corporate Friends Program.

"The new program will facilitate access to the UCSD science libraries for the corporate community and, at the same time, help ensure UCSD's continued maintenance of an up-to-date collection of science and technology books," said University Librarian Dorothy Gregor.

The corporate community is invited to participate in the program at three levels: associate member, member, and benefactor.

"We joined because we felt it would give us access to services we could not provide ourselves, especially to current high technology information and data bases," said Dr. David Overskei, senior vice president of the Fusion Division of GA Technologies, which joined at the benefactor level.

"It's very important to have access to current literature on weekly or a monthly basis," Overskei added. "Many of the smaller high-tech companies wouldn't be able to afford the hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in subscriptions. If a company is interested in keeping abreast, then this is a very economical way for them to do so."

The associate member level is \$750 per year and is considered an introductory membership category designed to assist start-up companies in affiliating with the Science and Technology Information Services Program. Associate membership can be held for only one year.

A full-fledged member pays \$2,500 per year and receives a number of special benefits, among them: up to ten library borrowing cards, a parking permit, library mailings and announcements of special events, access to computer-based reference services, access to MELVYL on-line catalog, and UCSD faculty rates for attendance at science library-sponsored instructional workshops.

The benefactor level is \$10,000 per year and in addition to the above mentioned benefits also receives the services of an information specialist identified at the science library of the benefactor's choice, assistance in obtaining science materials not owned by UCSD, and participation in an annual seminar on communications and information management software for personnel from benefactor companies.

IVAC Corporation has joined at the member level and four other local companies, Gamma Metrics, General Instrument Corporation, NAPP Systems, and Xytronyx, have all joined at the associate level.

C. Russell Horres, vice president for research and development at the IVAC Corp., called the science libraries at UCSD a "valuable resource" for the local business community.

"Although some corporations are able to fund collections in their areas of specialization, none can match the extensive collections of the university," he said. "Access to information is an essential component of industrial growth and development and is highly important in San Diego's rapidly expanding high technology environment."

The UCSD science libraries include the Science and Engineering Library, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library and the Biomedical Library at the School of Medicine.

The Science and Engineering Library currently has a collection of 146,000 volumes, 135,000 technical reports and 2,400 journal subscriptions covering mathematics, chemistry, physics and many areas of engineering.

The SIO Library has more than 200,000 volumes and 3,800 active serial titles on oceanography, marine biology, marine technology, atmospheric science, geology, geophysics, zoology, ecology and pollution.

The Biomedical Library and its branch library at the UCSD Medical Center hold more than 197,600 volumes and 4,500 current serial titles and boast outstanding research collections in the basic medical sciences, clinical medicine, and molecular biology.

For further information about joining the program contact Karen Feeney, program coordinator, at (619) 534-1214.

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