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U.S. News Again Ranks UC San Diego Among Nation's Best Graduate Schools



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Each year, graduate programs at the University of California, San Diego are highly ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*, as noted in the 2013 edition of *America's Best Graduate Schools*, released today. The rankings measure professional-school programs in business, education, engineering, law and medicine.

UC San Diego's Jacobs School of Engineering is ranked 14th out of 198 engineering schools and the biomedical/bioengineering program within the engineering school is ranked 4th in the nation. The university's School of Medicine is ranked 16th in research-intensive programs among 126 medical schools and its AIDS program is ranked 8th among the school's specialty programs.

Also, in a new *U.S. News* web-exclusive ranking, UC San Diego's graduate program in Fine Arts is named the 13th best in the nation and the multimedia and visual communications specialty is ranked 7th.

"It's an honor to have the stellar academic quality of our graduate programs recognized each year by *U.S. News*," said Kim Barrett, dean of graduate studies at UC San Diego. "Our world-class faculty continue to generate cutting-edge research and innovative programs that help create today's scholars and tomorrow's leaders."

U.S. News annually ranks professional school programs based on expert opinions about program excellence and statistical indicators that measure the quality of a school's faculty, research and students. The data come from surveys of administrators at more than 1,200

programs and nearly 15,000 academics and professionals, conducted during the fall of 2011 and early 2012.

In addition to the five professional disciplines ranked annually, *U.S. News* also periodically ranks programs in the sciences, social sciences and humanities, the health arena and many other areas. Although not newly ranked this year, UC San Diego's other graduate programs listed in the top 25 in the 2013 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools include:

- The Sciences: physics specialties/plasma (5), discrete mathematics and combinations (6), neuroscience/neurobiology (7), biochemistry (10), physics (14), computer science (14), biological sciences (15), earth sciences (17), mathematics (20), chemistry (21)
- Social Sciences and Humanities: Political Science (7), behavioral neuroscience (3), cognitive psychology (3), econometrics (6), American politics (6), comparative politics (6), international politics (6), sociology of culture (6), experimental psychology (7), political methodology (8), economics (14), psychology (17)

For more information on the *U.S. News* 2013 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools, go to: www.usnews.com/grad.

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