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Chronicle of Higher Ed Names UC San Diego One of Nation's Most Generous Colleges

In a recent listing published by The Chronicle of Higher Education, the University of California San Diego is ranked 14th among the nation's top 20 four-year public institutions that raised the most in private donations in the 2018 fiscal year, and in turn, gave institutional grant aid to nearly half of their students. The average amount the top 20 gave per student was about double that of four-year public institutions over all.

The publication reported that UC San Diego raised \$280,001,960, sourced from the cash-based Council for Aid to Education's national voluntary Support of Education Survey completed by colleges and universities. At the university, 44.4 percent of first-time students received an average of \$8,462 in institutional grant aid. Among the students receiving aid, 30.7 percent were Pell Grant recipients, 24.2 percent were under-represented minorities and 23.7 percent were non-resident aliens (a noncitizen who has not passed or is exempt from the Green Card or substantial presence tests.)

"Six years ago, UC San Diego's fundraising efforts were not on par with our recognition as one of the nation's best public universities—and now, we've come from nowhere to being recognized in the top 20 for raising funds to help our students," said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. "We are grateful to our donors who understand that the strength of education is upward mobility. Philanthropic support opens the door to UC San Diego's world-class educational experience, creating opportunities for our students' lifelong success."

Thanks to the Chancellor's Associates Scholarship which ensures access and affordability for qualified local students from low-income backgrounds, Hector Enriquez began his studies at his dream school—UC San Diego—in the fall of 2018. Hector is one of many who have benefited from generous philanthropic support donated last year to the Campaign for UC San Diego, a fundraising effort launched in 2012 that has reached 90 percent of its \$2 billion goal.



In 2018, nearly one-third of UC San Diego's admitted 38,954 new freshmen and transfer students were the first in their family to attend a four-year college. Photo by Elena Zhukova.

In 2018, UC San Diego admitted 38,954 new freshmen and transfer students, with nearly one-third of the campus's diverse admitted class the first in their family to attend a four-year college.

The Chronicle of Higher Education's list, "How Generous Are the Colleges to Which Donors Are Most Generous?" can be accessed [here](#).

At the University of California San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. As one of the top 15 research universities in the world, UC San Diego is blazing a path to a better future. The Campaign for UC San Diego comprehensive fundraising effort will transform the student experience, our campus, and ultimately the world. With philanthropic partnership, we will continue the nontradition as we impact lives here and across the globe. Learn more at campaign.ucsd.edu.

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