

Regents approve master's and Ph.D. degrees for Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies

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REGENTS APPROVE MASTER'S AND PH.D. DEGREES FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PACIFIC STUDIES AT UCSD

The University of California Board of Regents today (July 17) approved authorization for the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California, San Diego to confer the Master of Pacific International Affairs and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

This will be effective September 1987, when the first class of 40 students enters the School to undertake master's degree programs. The UCSD School received approval for its establishment by the Regents in January 1986.

"This decision culminates 18 months of curriculum development and review on this campus, system wide and by the State of California," said Peter A. Gourevitch, dean of the School. "We are heartened by the many encouraging reviews we have received indicating we are on the proper course, and pleased with how smoothly the process has gone."

This is the first school of international relations within the University of California system and the first in the United States to focus on the economic, political and cultural aspects of the Pacific region.

The School's degree programs will provide professional training for careers in international management, diplomacy, policy analysis, industry, and research concerning the Pacific region.

In addition, the School will serve as a major research center on economic, political, social, technological and security issues of mutual concern to the nations along the Pacific Rim. Public lectures, publications and community programs will also be offered by the School.

Of the students who will undertake master's degree programs in Pacific International Affairs this fall, indicated regional interests of study are fairly evenly divided between China, Japan and Latin America.

"I am excited about the 10 new faculty members we have recruited," said Gourevitch. "Each will add a new intellectual dimension to the School." According to Gourevitch, two are from Japan, one from China, and the remainder from Brookings Institution and universities such as Brown, Columbia, Yale, UC Berkeley and the business school of Boston University.

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