Our Mission, Values and Goals

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Mission

We will transform California and a diverse global society by educating; generating and disseminating knowledge, creative works and cures; and engaging in public service.

Values

We will achieve our mission as a student-centered and research-oriented public university by being distinctive and by using our comparative advantage. The values that define UC San Diego create an environment and a culture where:

- Excellence in teaching, research, patient care, and a people and service oriented culture to support learning and scholarly work are the norm
- Collaborative interdisciplinary activities that lead to discoveries, technologies, cures, scholarship, and creative works to advance and enrich society are supported
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion enable academics, students, and staff to excel and provide opportunity for all to succeed
- An entrepreneurial spirit that leads to agility, taking risks, and creating innovative approaches to solving problems is encouraged
- Public engagement, sustainability, integrity, and ethics are core principles guiding our activities

Goals

We will be a model, student-centered, world-class public research university that will boldly define the future of education, research, patient care, and public service by:

- Offering a well-rounded education and overall experience that develops students who are capable of solving problems, and leading and innovating in a diverse and interconnected world; and by developing, adapting, and adopting new forms of pedagogy
- Being a diverse and inclusive community of scholars where learning is accessible and affordable to all
- Creating and disseminating leading-edge research and discoveries that transform lives, shape new fields, and advance the frontiers of knowledge
- Driving economic development, shared prosperity, and social and cultural enrichment regionally and globally