

LATINX CHICANX ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE

At UC San Diego, we believe education should be accessible to all talented students. We believe learning means approaching issues from all perspectives. And we believe that true collective genius incorporates a broad spectrum of backgrounds, experiences, and abilities.

Led by the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, the Latinx/Chicanx Academic Excellence Initiative is a unique opportunity to collaboratively innovate across campus to improve access and inclusive excellence for Latinx/Chicanx students. At the heart of the initiative is the desire to transform our institution by attracting, retaining, and supporting a diverse faculty, staff, and student body with the goal of reflecting California's demographics and achieving institutional excellence.

Student access and success present our greatest opportunities for both institutional transformation and community impact. The UC San Diego Latinx/Chicanx Academic Excellence Initiative is designed to ensure that California's fastest growing student population feels welcome, supported, and able to thrive at UC San Diego.

UC San Diego's nationally recognized programs have strengthened the pathway to higher education and a successful future for all students.

- **Best public university in the nation for social mobility.** (*Washington Monthly*, 2018)
- **Top university for enrolling low-income students.** (*The New York Times*, 2017)
- **Nearly 40 percent of new UC San Diego students are first in their family to attend a four-year university.**
- **The number of new first-year students from underrepresented groups has more than doubled since 2012.**

We need your support to continue expanding services for our Latinx/Chicanx students. To learn more, contact UC San Diego Development Officer John Duca at (858) 534-8305 or jduca@ucsd.edu.

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WHERE GENERATIONS RISE

We honor the uniqueness of our UC San Diego students: their culture, identity, family, history, and life experiences as they ascend toward their dreams and achieve success for themselves and their families.

As California continues to transform—Latinx students comprise 55 percent of the K–12 student population—UC San Diego is expanding programs that increase access, create community, and advance academic achievement.

At present, we are an **Emerging Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)**—a public university serving a population of at least 15–24 percent full-time Latinx/Chicanx students. At 20 percent, we are close to accomplishing our goal of becoming a qualified HSI—which requires at least 25 percent full-time Latinx/Chicanx students—to better reflect the diversity of our state.

What is Latinx/Chicanx?

The “x” transforms the gender-specific terms “Latino” and “Chicano” into more inclusive forms of identity for men, women, nonbinary people, and those who are gender non-conforming. **Latinx** recognizes those whose roots stem from Latin America, while **Chicanx** is an identity rooted in a social justice movement that seeks to empower Mexican American and Latinx communities.

ACCESS, COMMUNITY, AND STUDENT SUCCESS

UC San Diego has made significant advances in the development and expansion of programs and services to increase student access and success, from summer transition programs and campus community centers to student success coaches and tailored academic resources. Through programs like the **Chancellor’s Associates Scholars Program**—55 percent of whose recipients identify as Latinx/Chicanx—we increase access to higher education for local students.

From the moment they arrive on campus, students find a family. Spaces like the **Raza Resource Centro** invite students to partake in high impact learning, engage in open dialogue, and develop as leaders within a vibrant community.

Academic success resources can be found at the **Teaching + Learning Commons**, the **Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services (OASIS)**, and the **IDEA (Inclusion Diversity Excellence and Achievement) Student Center**, campus hubs where undergraduate students can find a full suite of tools and services to help ensure their success. In addition, the **Office of Student Retention and Success** leads numerous programs that foster student achievement and degree completion.

Our Mission

We are committed to actively transforming UC San Diego into a student-centered university for the success of current and future Latinx/Chicanx students, families, and communities.

Nuestra Misión

Nuestro compromiso es hacer de UC San Diego una universidad centrada en nuestros estudiantes Latinx/Chicanx, de manera que promueva su éxito actual y futuro, así como el de sus familias y comunidades.

Core Values

Community and Culture/Comunidad y Cultura

We value and celebrate the dynamic cultural, familial, and regional experiences of our Latinx/Chicanx students.

Equity/Equidad

We promote dialogue, respect, and inclusivity to advance equitable access to educational opportunities.

Student-Centeredness/Enfoque Estudiantil

We embrace the whole student experience by affirming their intersectional identities and meeting their evolving aspirations, needs, and interests.

Success/Éxito

We support students in thoughtful ways that draw upon their existing strengths to define and achieve their success.

Flourish/Floreecer

We inspire one another to honor the past, transform the present, and define the future together.

Accountability/Responsabilidad

We take responsibility for evaluating and communicating progress in meeting our mission and core values, and we are committed to continuous improvement.