



A solid reputation for a distinguished faculty and excellence in academics, research, and service.

San Diego State University is the oldest and largest public education institution in the region and the third largest in the state of California, with more than 33,000 students. The work of an excellent faculty who are both teachers and successful researchers in every field has propelled SDSU into the ranks of the nation's major institutions.

The San Diego campus is home to seven academic colleges: Arts and Letters, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Health and Human Services, Professional Studies and Fine Arts, and Sciences. It is complemented by the Imperial Valley Campus, which just celebrated its 50th year serving the desert area of southeastern California. Nontraditional students are served by SDSU's College of Extended Studies.

Situated in the second largest city in California, SDSU is San Diego's eighth-largest employer and serves a dynamic region, bordering both the Pacific Rim and Mexico.

SDSU has become an increasingly popular choice among college-bound students, receiving more than 55,000 undergraduate applications for fall 2009. Students can choose any of **85** majors for their undergraduate work. The graduate program offers **75** master's degrees and **16** doctoral programs.

Celebrated and Highly Rated

SDSU consistently earns national and international recognition. Among its accomplishments, the university has been honored and ranked:

- The number one small research university in the nation (three years in a row) – Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index*
- Among the nation's most military friendly schools by G.I. Jobs magazine, recognizing our efforts to recruit, retain and provide services to our student veterans
- Second nationwide/first statewide in the research university category for number of students studying abroad (third consecutive year) - Open Doors 2008
- #10 in the nation and #4 in California for bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics – *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Ed*
- #16 in the nation for bachelor's degrees awarded to minorities – *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*
- #20 in the nation for campus racial diversity – *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges*
- SDSU's undergraduate international business program is ranked #11 in the nation – *U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges*
- Graduate programs ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*:
 - Secondary teacher education (#18)
 - International business (#20)
 - Psychology (joint program with UCSD) (#50)
 - Education (#71)
- Joint doctoral programs honors – five joint doctoral programs were ranked in the top ten based on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index*:
 - Mathematics education (#2)

- Clinical psychology (#3)
- Speech and hearing sciences (#4)
- Public health (#7)
- Geography (#9)

A Rich Research Environment

SDSU has been designated a "Doctoral Research University" with "high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundation. SDSU shares this category, Carnegie's second highest, with Syracuse University, Georgetown University, Texas Tech University and the University of Oregon. Since 2000, SDSU faculty and staff have brought in more than \$1 billion to support their research.

SDSU faculty and staff received \$134 million last year to support their programs. Students have the opportunity to study with successful researchers and to participate in a wide variety of service programs. More than 1,000 projects are currently underway and address such diverse areas as:

- Regenerating heart cells after damage (Dr. Mark Sussman)
- Developing laser methods that detect and identify biological and chemical contaminants with implications for homeland security, early disease detection, and environmental monitoring (Dr. William Tong)
- Analysis of viral and microbial communities present in the lungs of cystic fibrosis patients (Dr. Forest Rohwer)
- Using magnetic resonance imaging to examine the links between cortical organization, brain connectivity and cognition in children with autism (Dr. Axel Mueller)
- Using genetic approaches to study viral pathogenesis and the identification of antiviral factors (Dr. Roland Wolkowicz)
- Studying flatworms to better understand tissue regeneration (Dr. Ricardo Zayas)
- The political theory of Hannah Arendt (Dr. Kathleen Jones)
- Cross-border infectious disease surveillance (Dr. Emmanuel Rudatsikira)
- Modeling urban health inequalities in major cities in the developing world (Dr. John Weeks)
- Reducing sedentary practices and promoting healthy diets among preteens who obtain orthodontia care (Dr. Melbourne Hovell)
- Providing high school juniors and seniors guidance to prepare for and succeed in college (Mr. Michael Eichler)

Dr. John Elder, distinguished professor of public health, received SDSU's highest scholarship award: the **2009 Albert W. Johnson Research Lectureship**. Dr. Elder directs SDSU's Center for Behavioral and Community Health Studies and is the recipient of more than \$60 million in research funding. He is an internationally-recognized author and scholar in the field of health promotion, addressing issues of obesity, alcohol and tobacco use, sun exposure, and diet and physical activity.

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