“Visitors are incredibly impressed with the campus and the scope of work the university undertakes. From day one, the university has positively impacted the community ... we always have. We’ve just gotten better every year and now people know it.”

—Bob Starkey
UC SAN DIEGO VIP TOUR GUIDE
AND RECENT RETIREE AFTER 35 YEARS

The economic information in this brochure is based on an analysis by CBRE Consulting, Inc. of UC San Diego’s economic impact on the city and county of San Diego and the state of California. This study quantifies economic impacts in terms of spending, employment and personal income based on UC San Diego’s fiscal year 2006-07 data.

The University of California, San Diego is an economic engine driving the future of the region. Founded less than 50 years ago, UC San Diego is one of the nation’s most accomplished research universities, widely acknowledged for its local impact, national influence and global reach. Following is a snapshot of the university’s impact.
Benefits Beyond Dollars

UC San Diego is a key contributor to the economy of California and specifically San Diego, enhancing the physical well-being and cultural life of the region.

The UC San Diego Medical Center serves 21,000 inpatients and 476,000 outpatients each year, and provides services that address the healthcare needs of underserved communities in the region.

The La Jolla Playhouse, located on the campus of UC San Diego, collaborates with the highly ranked Department of Theatre and Dance to make a significant cultural impact locally and throughout the nation. Tony Award winner Judith Dolan is one of the many nationally recognized faculty members.

The Conrad Prebys Music Center will become the venue for more than 150 public concerts each year, presented by the UC San Diego Department of Music.

The university provides recreational opportunities including Birch Aquarium at UCSD’s Scripps Institution of Oceanography, visited annually by more than 400,000 people.

An Economic Engine

UC San Diego invests in the region and attracts spending in San Diego County, throughout California and beyond.

Here’s how:

- $7.2 billion from UC San Diego fuels the state economy
  - 39,000 jobs created in California
- UC San Diego is the 3rd largest employer in San Diego County
  - 33,600 jobs created in San Diego County
- $5.7 billion in direct and indirect spending and personal income in San Diego County
  - $121 million in total spending by visitors and retirees of the university
  - $405 million in spending by UCSD students
- UC San Diego Medical Center invests $800 million in the local economy annually through purchasing and payroll

The School of Medicine and UC San Diego Medical Center together contributed $420 million to the local economy in the form of healthcare and medical research.

Alumni and faculty have founded at least 193 start-up companies. Statewide these start-ups contribute more than $37 billion and generate nearly 130,000 jobs.

In San Diego County, start-ups contribute $32 billion in direct and indirect spending and personal income, and create nearly 115,000 jobs.

UCSD’s Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the oldest and largest center for ocean and earth science research, graduate training, and public service to the world, currently operates more than 300 research programs in 65 countries on every continent, in 65 countries worldwide. Sponsored research spending for fiscal year 2006–07 was $102 million.

The Ripple Effect

Every $1 in direct spending by UC San Diego generates an additional 92 cents in indirect spending in San Diego County. For every student educated at UC San Diego, the community is enriched and the foundation of our region is fortified.

There are currently 67 active companies in California, started by UC San Diego faculty and alumni, that generate more than $10 billion in annual sales and employ 17,000.

The National Science Foundation ranks UC San Diego 6th in the nation in research and development expenditures. Annual research expenditures were $798 million, which helped generate 373 new inventions, 64 patents and 85 license agreements.

The university conferred 6,500 degrees, including 540 doctorate’s, 900 master’s and 5,060 bachelor’s, helping expand a skilled workforce.

UC San Diego Extension offers 2,000 continuing education courses to working professionals and other adults in the region—13,800 Extension students and 2,200 international students spent more than $8.4 million in San Diego County.

More than 33 percent of UC San Diego’s 117,000 alumni live in San Diego County and contribute to the local economy.

The UC San Diego Medical Center is ranked among the nation’s best public university in the United States, according to the 2008 Academic Rankings of World Universities conducted by Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China.

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