The University of California, San Diego has been ranked the 20th best university in the world in a new global ranking developed by the Center for the World University Rankings (CWUR) that measures universities' quality of education and training of students as well as the prestige of the faculty and the quality of their research.

UC San Diego was listed as the 15th best university in the U.S. and the nation's third best public university.

Please visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressrelease/uc_san_diego_ranked_20th_best_university_in_the_world

PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UCSD’s Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Available on the Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

PROJECTS REACHING COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER 2013

Central Research Services Facility — with anticipated completion in September 2013. This 40,500 GSF project provides support space for centralized cage wash operations, office and administrative support space for the Animal Care Program, Animal Welfare Program, Health Sciences staff and other campus research support units.

This new facility will consolidate existing animal cage wash service and sanitation operations that currently exist in several research buildings throughout the School of Medicine. The centralized facility eliminates redundancy and reduces use of natural resources, and also allows for conversion of existing and planned research space to direct research uses. It has been estimated that the project has the potential for an estimated annual savings of 18.5 million gallons of water, 24.2 million pounds of steam, and 560,000 kilowatts of electricity.

Theatre District Landscape — with anticipated completion in September 2013. The project includes landscape enhancements that would restore and renovate two acres of the Grove Reserve within the Theatre District.

The Department of Theatre and Dance and La Jolla Playhouse host events at the Theatre District throughout the year, which often require the use of adjacent open space to provide pre and post-show receptions, education, orientation and tours. These areas must accommodate small group gathering spaces but also offer the flexibility to host functions for larger groups. The new design will provide enhanced way finding, new intuitive signage, simplified pedestrian circulation and improved nighttime lighting. The project also would restore the Grove Reserve that provides an identifiable landscape on the UCSD campus and a unique landscape and character to the Theatre District.

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UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

The newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

UCSD NEWS

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UC SAN DIEGO NAMES MARGARET LEINEN AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR MARINE SCIENCES

UC San Diego announced recently the appointment of Margaret Leinen, Ph.D., as Vice Chancellor for Marine Sciences, Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Dean of the School of Marine Sciences. Dr. Leinen is a highly distinguished, award-winning oceanographer and an accomplished executive with extensive national and international experience in ocean science, global climate and environmental issues, federal research administration, and non-profit startups. Dr. Leinen will join UC San Diego in October 2013.

With annual expenditures approaching $200 million and a fleet of four research vessels and research platform FLIP, Scripps encompasses physical, chemical, biological, geological, and geophysical studies of the oceans, earth, and atmosphere. Scripps offers graduate and undergraduate educational programs in marine biology, oceanography, and earth sciences.

“Dr. Leinen’s experience leading innovation and creating collaborative programs make her the right choice for Scripps and a key campus partner in implementing UC San Diego’s strategic plan,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “Our strategic planning process has sharpened our mission to be a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university. Scripps is one of UC San Diego’s pillars of excellence whose fundamentals are extremely strong.”

To balance support for basic research with support for applied science and education programs, Scripps continues to cultivate excellence in basic science, pioneer applications to real-world problems, initiate and maintain fundamental earth, ocean, polar, and atmospheric observations, and remain at the forefront of modeling and interpretation. Increasingly, understanding and solving the questions of basic and applied science require integration with social sciences and other fields. Educating the public, expanding ties to the broader community and enhancing diversity within its ranks are core principles at Scripps.

“I am honored to be chosen as Scripps Director and UC San Diego Vice Chancellor,” said Dr. Leinen. “I am excited by the combination of Scripps’s 110 years of research and educational excellence and UC San Diego’s culture of interdisciplinary innovation.”

Dr. Leinen joins UC San Diego continuing an impressive academic and administrative career. She served for seven years at the National Science Foundation (NSF) as Assistant Director for Geosciences and Coordinator of Environmental Research and Education. She oversaw a budget of $700 million, led government-wide planning for climate research, and co-led government planning for ocean research.

While at NSF, she presided over and directly influenced some of the most consequential programs in marine, atmospheric, and earth science. She is currently Executive Director of the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute and Associate Provost of Marine and Environmental Initiatives at Florida Atlantic University, and earlier served as an academic leader at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Leinen is president-elect of the American Geophysical Union, chair of the Federal Ocean Research Advisory Panel, and vice chair of the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative.

Dr. Leinen’s appointment follows an extensive national search for a leader with a distinguished record of research, teaching, and service. She was chosen from a highly competitive pool of ocean and environmental science leaders.

Leinen replaces Tony Haymet, who served as UC San Diego Vice Chancellor for Marine Sciences from 2006 until his retirement from the administrative post at the end of 2012. He is Vice Chancellor–Marine Sciences, Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Dean of the Graduate Program in Marine Sciences, Emeritus, and remains a Distinguished Professor at UC San Diego. Prof. Catherine Constable of Scripps’s Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics is serving as the Interim Vice Chancellor for Marine Sciences, Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Dean of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences at UC San Diego. She will continue in this position until Dr. Leinen joins UC San Diego.

For additional information please visit: [http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressrelease/uc_sandiego_names_margaret_leinen_as_vice_chancellor_for_marine_sciences](http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressrelease/uc_sandiego_names_margaret_leinen_as_vice_chancellor_for_marine_sciences)