A NATIONAL REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

UC Santa Cruz is an outstanding public research university committed to undergraduate education with progressive, bold, and fearless inquiry in teaching and public service that benefits both the individual and the planet.

RANKED...

2ND in the world for research influence in 2012–2013 *Times Higher Education* rankings, as measured by the average number of times our discoveries are cited by scholars.

1ST nationally for per-paper research impact in physics, and 5th for research impact in the space sciences according to *Science Watch*.

3RD in the nation for faculty productivity for doctoral programs in both music and environmental health engineering in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

3RD in the nation for the percentage of engineering master’s degrees awarded to women at the Jack Baskin School of Engineering according to the American Society of Engineering Education.

5TH in the nation on Affordable Colleges Online’s list of the 20 Best Colleges for Computer Science Majors and included in ACO’s top 20 best Colleges for English and Humanities Majors.

6TH in the world for research influence in international finance by *Research Papers in Economics*.


ACCOMPLISHED FACULTY HONORS INCLUDE:

- NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES: 13 MEMBERS
- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: 26 FELLOWS
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE: 35 FELLOWS

ACCOMPLISHED ALUMNI HONORS INCLUDE:

- SIX PULITZER PRIZES
- FIVE MACARTHUR ‘GENIUS’ AWARDS
- THE SHAW PRIZE IN ASTRONOMY

1965 YEAR FOUNDED

16,753 TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR 2012–13 YEAR

15,375 UNDERGRADUATES

1,378 GRADUATE STUDENTS

2,000 ACRES OVERLOOKING SCENIC MONTEREY BAY

60 UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

44% OF ALL UCSC STUDENTS participated in community service and volunteer activities in 2011–12.

88,500 NUMBER OF UCSC ALUMNI

$13,398 UC TUTION AND FEES FOR 2013–14

36.4% OF 2013 GRADUATING CLASS ARE FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE GRADUATES

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INNOVATIVE EDUCATION

As one of the world’s finest public research universities, UC Santa Cruz offers rigorous academic programs and cutting-edge research opportunities that leave our students with an enduring sense of curiosity, creativity, and purpose.

**COMPRISED OF 10 DISTINCTIVE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES,** each structured around a unique socio-cultural theme. “Core courses” emphasizing those themes foster a strong sense of community and a common intellectual foundation among students at each college.

**KNOWN FOR OFFERING HANDS-ON EDUCATION TO UNDERGRADUATES** through programs like the Network Management and Operations Lab, where student interns partner with engineers from Cisco Systems to troubleshoot complex, real-world networking problems.

**RANKED AMONG THE NATION’S TOP 10 GRADUATE SCHOOLS FOR GAME DESIGN** by the *Princeton Review*, citing UCSC’s cutting-edge programs in Computer Science and Digital Arts and New Media.

**DEEMED THE BEST ACADEMIC TRAINING GROUND IN THE U.S. FOR SCIENCE JOURNALISM** by *New Scientist* magazine.

**RECIPIENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND ENGINEERING MENTORING** for our unique Academic Excellence program, which provides comprehensive peer-to-peer mentoring for beginning math and science undergraduates in a small and encouraging community setting.

**NAMED AMONG THE WORLD’S MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLEGE CAMPUSES BY FORBES** alongside universities such as Oxford, Stanford, and Princeton.

HIGH-IMPACT RESEARCH

At UC Santa Cruz, state-of-the-art research facilities converge with world-renowned faculty to create an atmosphere of revolutionary discovery.

**PRODUCER OF THE FIRST WORKING DRAFT OF THE HUMAN GENOME.** Today, the open-access UC Santa Cruz Genome Browser supports crucial research by thousands of biomedical researchers worldwide.

**HEADQUARTERS OF UC OBSERVATORIES,** and a managing partner of the world’s second-largest ground-based optical telescopes at the W.M. Keck Observatory in Hawaii.

**HOME TO ONE OF THE WORLD’S TOP MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH CENTERS** at Long Marine Laboratory, perched on a cliff overlooking Monterey Bay—the second-largest marine sanctuary in the world.

**AWARDED A 10-YEAR CONTRACT WITH NASA** to help develop 21st century air traffic management systems, space-based biotechnology, and other cutting-edge high-tech innovations to support the space agency’s mission.

**AWARD-WINNING FACULTY** whose honors include a Benjamin Franklin Medal in Electrical Engineering, the Urey Prize in Planetary Science, a Kavli Prize in Astrophysics, the Weldon Memorial Prize, and the Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science.

**A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN HUMAN HEALTH RESEARCH,** with a new Biomedical Sciences Facility on Science Hill built to attract world-class talent and ongoing investment in the university’s groundbreaking biomedical research.

SERVICE TO SOCIETY

A commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement is central to UC Santa Cruz’s core values and an enduring source of pride for the entire campus.

**UCSC RANKS FOURTH AMONG UNIVERSITIES WHOSE RECENT GRADS WORK WITH CITY YEAR,** a national organization that partners with schools to provide tutoring, mentoring, and behavior assistance for more than 150,000 students. For the 2013-14 academic year, 35 UCSC alumni are helping reduce dropout rates and increase test scores.

**A PIONEER OF THE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE MOVEMENT** and a training ground for students like Drew Goodman, who went on to found Earthbound Farm Organic, the world’s largest grower and shipper of organic produce.

**UCSC RECEIVED THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE PRINCETON REVIEW’S ‘GREEN HONOR ROLL.’** UCSC received praise for its commitment to sustainability in academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities, and career preparation. UCSC boasts a 64 percent waste-diversion rate; facilities services use 90 percent Green-Seal certified cleaning products.

**PROUD CUSTODIAN OF FIVE STUNNING NATURAL RESERVE SITES** on the Central Coast—from 25 acres on Año Nuevo Island to 4,200 coastal acres in beautiful Big Sur.

**WITH PROGRAMS PROVEN TO RAISE COLLEGE ATTENDANCE RATES** among disadvantaged communities, the university’s Educational Partnership Center serves thousands of high school students every year.

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