

UC San Diego

# Student-Centered Education at UC San Diego: A Novel Ecosystem for Advancing Student Success

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**Advancing  
student success  
at UC San Diego  
and beyond**

UC San Diego's Strategic Plan

Develop **students** who are capable of **solving problems, leading, and innovating** in a **diverse** and interconnected **world**

Cultivate a diverse and **inclusive university community** that ensures **learning is accessible and affordable for all**



**How would you describe a problem solver?  
What is access to learning?**

# A Successful Student

▶ Achieves **good academic standing**;  
steady **progress** toward **degree**  
completion

**Utilizes resources** to intentionally  
develop competencies

**Actively engages** in research and  
co-curricular opportunities



**HOW**

**do we achieve our commitment  
to student success?**



ADVANCING STUDENT SUCCESS BY  
**building a student - centered university**

Focusing on learning

Increasing engagement

Fostering an inclusive community



# Thinking About Learning

What is it?

Where does it happen?

Who is involved?

How does it happen?

PRE-COLLEGE  
**experiences**

- K-12 prep
- Demographics
- Family support

STUDENT  
**behavior**

- Study habit, motivation
- Accessing resources
- Interactions with teachers & classmates
- Academics



STUDENT SUCCESS  
**Student  
engagement**

INSTITUTIONAL  
**conditions**

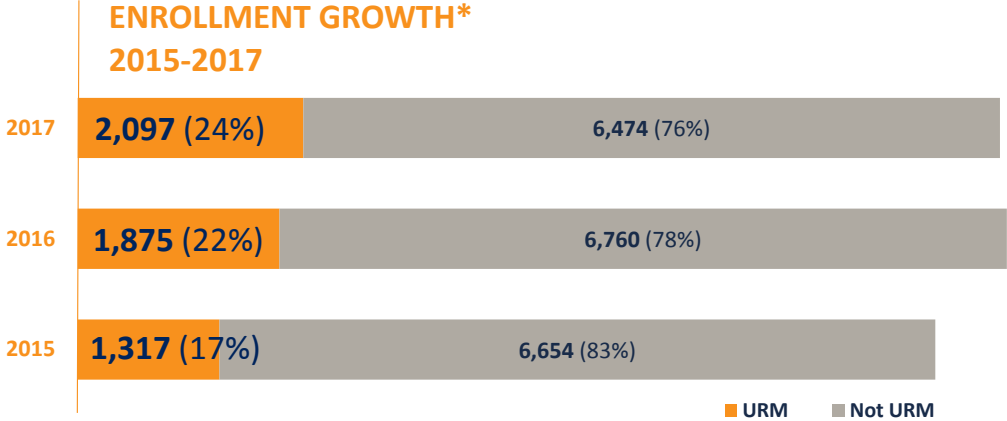
- Academic support
- Peers
- Research & experimental learning
- Teaching & learning approaches
- Culture & climate, health & wellness support



# New Student Demographics



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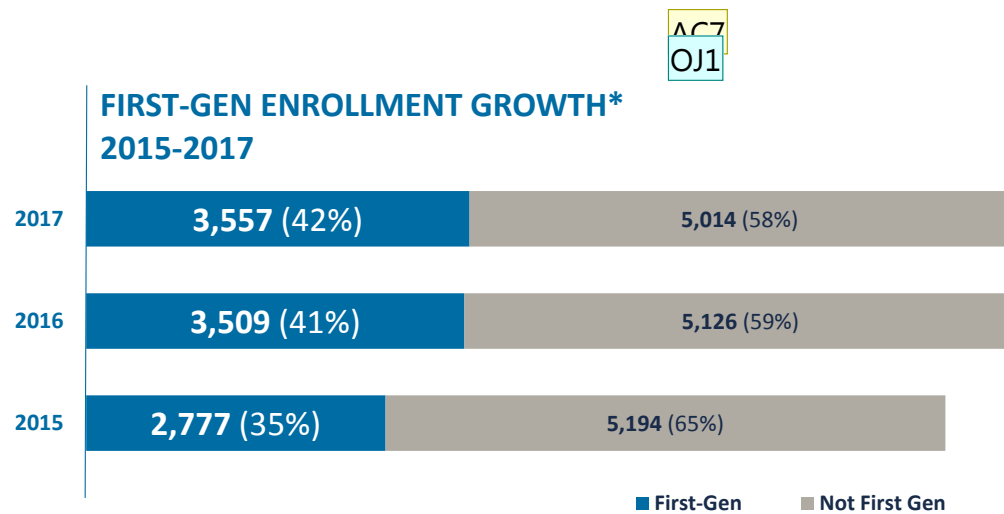


**59%**  
growth  
URM  
students

\*Transfer students included

Data Source: University of California Office of the President Fall Enrollment at a Glance

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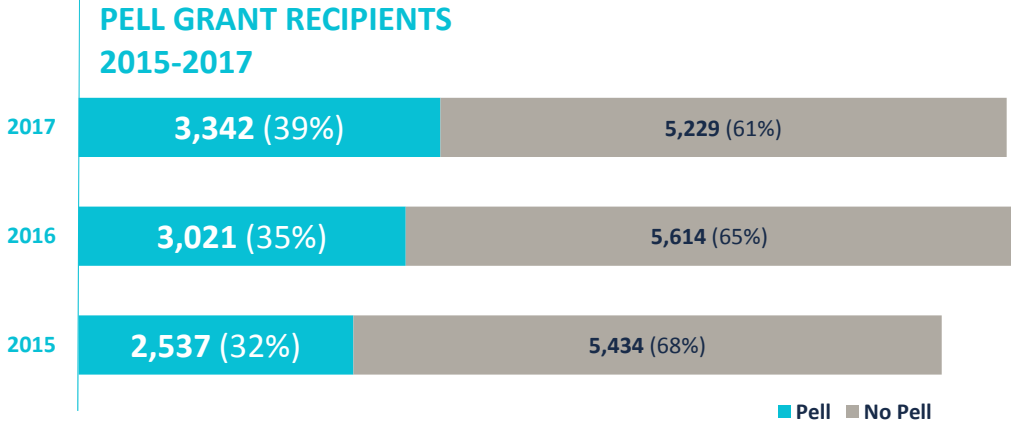
**28%**  
growth  
first-gen  
students

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# New Student Demographics



**32%**  
growth  
Pell Grant  
recipients

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# INSTITUTIONAL **conditions**

The Teaching +  
Learning Commons



TEACHING+LEARNING  
**commons**

## What is it?

- EVC's executive branch to advance teaching excellence and student success
- Campus-wide support structure for faculty and students

## How does it work?

- Synergistic approach to teaching and learning
- Cycle of inquiry  
Analyzing data → proposing solutions →  
developing programs and services → assessing →  
fine-tuning



# PRE-COLLEGE experiences

**Intensity of academic  
preparation**

## **Problem: Math and writing preparation**

- Students failing pre-calculus and analytical writing

## **Solution: Triton Freshmen Scholars Program**

- Pre-matriculation
- 8-week long, residential
- Math and writing courses
- Learning strategies & growth mindset tutoring

## **Assessment: End of program and tracking**

- Learning gains
- Academic year academic support crucial
- Network of support
- Faculty pedagogy training is essential



# STUDENT behavior

Study habits  
Motivation  
Accessing resources

## Metacognitive Academic Support



Traditional tutoring	focuses on	challenging content
Supplemental instruction	focuses on	challenging courses
Metacognitive tutoring	focuses on	learning challenges





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# INSTITUTIONAL **conditions**

**Pedagogy training  
for our educators**



## Instruction: **Foundational math courses**

- Pedagogy - rooted in:
  - subject matter expertise
  - cognitive science research on How People Learn
- Instruction - supporting:
  - equity and inclusion
  - students' self-efficacy
- Assessment – refining:
  - educational practice

# INSTITUTIONAL conditions

Basic need support

The  
Hub



**Ecosystem for  
advancing  
student success**



# Student Eco-Systems

## The Student

-  Family
-  SES
-  Work
-  K-12 Experience
-  DACA
-  1st Generation

## Academic & Co-Curricular

-  Research & Experiential learning
-  Success coaches
-  **TEACHING+LEARNING commons**
-  Study abroad
-  Diverse faculty

## UC San Diego

-  Student resource centers
-  Inclusive & Welcoming climate
-  The Hub
-  Affinity housing
-  Health & Wellness
-  Career Center

## Community

-  Alumni
-  Paid Internships
-  Community-based learning
-  Partner schools



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**Thank you!**

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