



**OUR
VOICES
WILL DEFINE
THE CENTURY**

YEAR FOUNDED

1965

2,000 ACRES

OVERLOOKING SCENIC MONTEREY BAY

74

UNDERGRADUATE
MAJORS

66

GRADUATE
PROGRAMS



19,173
Enrollment
2023-24

93%

CALIFORNIA
RESIDENTS
(Undergraduates)

2%

INTERNATIONAL

5%

OUT-OF-STATE

17,312

UNDERGRADUATES

1,861

GRADUATE STUDENTS

31%

FIRST-
GENERATION
UNDERGRADS

2

Additional Campuses

- Silicon Valley Campus, Santa Clara
- Coastal Science Campus, Santa Cruz

7

Natural Reserves provide living
labs for hands-on learning

R1

Carnegie Classification

Indicating very high research activity

150,000+

NUMBER OF UCSC ALUMNI

Excellence with impact

A global research university, UC Santa Cruz is part of the world's most celebrated system of public higher education and stands among the most renowned institutions of higher learning. Leading at the intersection of innovation and social justice, UCSC faculty and students conduct transformative research and scholarship that serves society.

RANKED...

- 1ST** in the nation for racial and gender diversity in leadership. *2022 Women's Power Gap Initiative*
- 5TH** in game/simulation development programs in the nation. *2024 U.S. News and World Report*
- 12TH** among top public colleges for high-paying jobs in tech. *2024 Burning Glass Institute*
- 12TH** for excellence in undergraduate teaching among national public universities. *2025 U.S. News and World Report*
- TOP 15** among public universities in the nation for students focused on making an impact on the world. *2024 Princeton Review*
- 18TH** for universities with the greatest social mobility. *2025 U.S. News and World Report*

**GREEN
COLLEGE
HONOR ROLL**
*2023 Princeton
Review*

**"INTERNATIONAL"
AWARD**
*recognizing leadership
in international
student education*
**COLLEGES OF
DISTINCTION,
2025**

FACULTY HONORS

- 1 Nobel Laureate
- 16 members, National Academy of Sciences
- 29 members, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 49 fellows, American Association for the Advancement of Science

ALUMNI HONORS

- 10 winners of 12 Pulitzer Prizes
- 7 MacArthur 'Genius' Awards

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of American Universities (AAU)
- Association of Pacific Rim Universities

Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)

Alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities

Asian American & Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI)

HIGH-IMPACT RESEARCH



UCSC RESEARCHERS released the first complete human genome sequence, advancing understanding of genetic diseases, human diversity, and evolution. Then they led the human pangenome project and the complete sequencing of the human Y chromosome.

SHOWED HOW to dramatically cut energy costs and carbon footprints of AI models like ChatGPT, using energy about equal to powering a lightbulb, while maintaining top performance.

MADE THE FIRST detection of carbon dioxide in an exoplanet atmosphere using the James Webb Space Telescope.

DISCOVERED THE EARLIEST, most distant galaxies, dating back 300 million years after the Big Bang.

HOME TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP marine mammal research centers at Long Marine Laboratory, on the shores of Monterey Bay—the second-largest marine sanctuary in the world.

FUNDS UNDERGRADUATES FOR PAID RESEARCH connecting classroom learning with hands-on career training through the Employing Humanities Program.

PARTNERED ARTS AND OCEAN SCIENCES FACULTY for a multi-year project exploring marine biology and climate change.

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION



TEN DISTINCTIVE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES support student success with focused advising, service-learning opportunities, and “core courses” that highlight the colleges’ themes and build community.

THE DOLORES HUERTA RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE AMERICAS studies Latinx experiences and forces shaping Latin America.

THE HUMANIZING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM helps engineering students address technology’s moral and social impacts, envisioning a responsible future.

ADDED THE 2,400-acre Strathearn Ranch to UC’s Natural Reserves, creating a living laboratory and outdoor classroom in San Benito County.

THE OKINAWA MEMORIES INITIATIVE, a public history project, provides students with a powerful, transformative experience, offering experiential learning opportunities, cross-cultural connections, and research training.

SERVICE TO SOCIETY



A \$20 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP FUND from alumnus Rick Sabatte will provide full four-year scholarships and living expenses to hundreds of students over the next three decades.

THE GLOBAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM promotes social justice, equity, and access to health care through interdisciplinary efforts.

A NEW SOCIAL DOCUMENTATION LAB offers state-of-the-art facilities for editing, color grading, audio mixing and recording, and immersive media to all Film and Digital Media graduate students, thanks to a major anonymous gift.

THE CENTER FOR COASTAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE applies research to policy to help find solutions for climate change impacts on coastal communities.

RECOGNIZED WITH THE SEAL OF EXCELENCIA, for campuswide efforts to support Latinx students.

THE INTERNATIONAL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MACHINE (IGEM) team has a legacy of taking on community-focused projects, including addressing the high cost of infant formula, harmful algal blooms, and the expense and limited availability of diabetes medication.