



SYMPOSIUM:

# ENHANCING THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Strategies for Successful  
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UC SAN DIEGO

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2019

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**Dear Colleagues,**

Thank you for participating in the *Fall 2019 International Student Experience Symposium*. It is an opportunity for the campus community to learn, share, and discuss successful institutional strategies, and examine effective approaches to enhancing the quality of the international student experience at UC San Diego.

UC San Diego is in the midst of a major transformation. As a world-class research university, UC San Diego attracts bold thinking and innovative students from around the globe. Our international students enrich our learning community, expose all students to develop skills critical in a globalized workforce.

The unstable political climate and the ongoing debates around student migration have fueled a feeling of doubt and unease for international students studying, or considering studying, in the United States. Through our collective actions, we can ensure that our international students enter our campus feeling welcome and leave our campus with a positive impression of UC San Diego, California, and the United States.

Fostering a tolerant and inclusive campus culture not only benefits our international students, but it makes UC San Diego a destination for top talent and helps fulfill the University's mission of transforming California and a diverse global society. With even the simplest gesture or communication, we can re-energize the student experience at UC San Diego and make a positive lasting impact on an international student's experience that will ultimately develop a strong foundation for future academic and professional success and long-term engagement with our campus community.

We hope that you will leave today informed, encouraged to rethink your current practices and processes, inspired to take bold action together, and empowered to help students discover and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

**Dulce Amor L. Dorado**

*Director, International Students & Programs Office  
Global Education*

**AGENDA**

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**UC San Diego**  
**Price Center Ballroom East, 2F**

**AM**

**8:30-9:00**

**Check-In and Networking Breakfast**

**9:00-9:15**

**Welcoming Remarks**

- **Introduction:** Alysson M. Satterlund, Ph.D.,  
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- **Welcome:** Elizabeth H. Simmons,  
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**9:15-9:45**

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Campus Climate and International Student Success**  
Rahul Choudaha, Ph.D., Principal Researcher, DrEducation

**9:45-10:45**

**The International Student Experience @ UC San Diego:  
Show Me the Data**

**9:45-10:15**  
**International Undergraduate Student Experience**  
Bill Armstrong, Ph.D., Institutional Research

**10:15-10:45**  
**International Graduate & Professional School Student  
Experience**  
Erin Espaldon, Senior Analyst, Institutional Research

**10:45-11:00**

**Break #1**

**11:00-11:50**

**Facilitating the Academic Success of International Students**

• **Track #1: Undergraduate Student Experience**

📍 Price Center East Ballroom

Karen Gocsik, Director and Associate Teaching Professor,  
Analytical Writing Program

Holly Bauer, Associate Director and Lecturer, Analytical  
Writing Program

Lisa Naylor, Lecturer, Analytical Writing Program

• **Track #2: Graduate Student Experience**

📍 John Muir College Room

Matt Nelson, Director, Writing Hub  
(Teaching + Learning Commons)

Erica Bender, Ph.D., Associate Director, Writing Hub  
(Teaching + Learning Commons)

**PM**

**12:00-1:00**

**Lunch**

*Provided for registered participants  
in Price Center East Ballroom*

**1:00-1:45**

**Student Panel: What is it like to be an international  
student at UC San Diego?**

*Facilitated by Dulce Amor L. Dorado, Director,  
International Students & Programs Office*

**1:45-2:15**

**Preparing Our Students to Achieve Career and  
Professional Goals and Inspiring Alumni Engagement**

*Kris Hergert, Executive Director, Career Services Center*

*Analia Mendez, Director of Career Advising Education,  
Career Services Center*

**2:15-2:45**

**Removing Barriers to International Student's Adjustment  
and Wellness**

*Rina Schul, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, Counseling  
& Psychological Services (CAPS)*

**2:45-3:00**

**Break #2**

**3:00-4:15**

**Ideation Lab: Identify Opportunities and Explore Next  
Steps**

*Facilitated by UC San Diego faculty and staff*

**4:15-6:00**

**Reception**

*Immediately following in the  
Price Center East Ballroom Patio*



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### LEADING U.S. INSTITUTION FOR HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

With 11,052 total number of international students served, UC San Diego is ranked #9 among U.S. institutions.

(2018 Open Doors Report by the Institute of International Education)

18<sup>th</sup>

### BEST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD

UC San Diego ranks 18<sup>th</sup> Best University in the World based on the 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China.

#### Other rankings include:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Best Public University in the USA (2018 US News & World Report)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Best University in the World (2018 US News & World Report)

7<sup>th</sup>

### TOTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES IN THE U.S.

With \$1.35 billion received in sponsored research support, UC San Diego ranks #7 in the U.S. and #2 among all University of California campuses.

(2018-2019 National Science Foundation)

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