

# WELCOME FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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Welcome to the University of California, San Francisco General Catalog.

The most exciting part of being at UCSF is its people, who bring diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives to create a vibrant community where we can redefine what's possible.

We are the leading university dedicated exclusively to the health sciences, and excellence is in our DNA. From genomics and immunology to specialty care for women and children, UCSF brings together the world's leading experts in nearly every area of health. We are home to six Nobel laureates who have advanced the understanding of cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, aging, stem cells, and the neuroscience of pain. The educational programs in our schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, as well as in our Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs, consistently rank among the best in the country, according to the latest surveys by *U.S. News & World Report*.

## Disrupting the Status Quo for Good

UCSF is part of the ten-campus University of California, the world's premier public research university system, and the only of its campuses dedicated to graduate and professional education. Driven by our public mission, we are a collection of dedicated scientists, clinicians, students, trainees, and staff who strive to make the world a better place through our singular focus on health and our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Compassion is as critical as discovery in fulfilling our mission to make a difference for individual patients and advance health worldwide.

## Embracing a Sense of Urgency

In a field where lives often hang in a delicate balance, UCSF recognizes that time is of the essence – for patients in the hospital and for vulnerable populations. We harness the efficiency of multidisciplinary teams to accelerate scientific progress and speed the development of new therapies and cures. We are constantly pushing forward the policies and partnerships that ensure that people in need are getting access to the most cutting-edge care and treatment.

## Fostering a Culture of Innovation

UCSF is San Francisco's second-largest employer, attracting talented faculty and staff who mirror the energy and diversity of the Bay Area. Drawing from the creative spirit of artists, entrepreneurs, and the tech industry, our ability to recruit exceptional learners, staff, faculty, and clinicians leads to a constant influx of new ideas and approaches.

I invite you to take a virtual tour (<https://www.ucsf.edu/tour/>) and learn more about two of our main campuses, Parnassus and Mission Bay. Thank you for your interest in UCSF, where we are driven by the idea that when the best research, the best teaching, and the best patient care converge, we can deliver breakthroughs that help heal the world.

Sincerely,

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