Hillcrest:
Just east of downtown, Hillcrest is a fun neighborhood full of unique restaurants and streetside shops. This town is known for being a welcoming and LGBT-friendly community with a great nightlife. Many graduate students choose to live here because a UCSD shuttle takes students from Hillcrest to campus every half hour during the day in a 30 minute trip. Rent here is about $800 per person for a two-bedroom (although the thrifty grad student could find a one-bedroom for that price!)

Ocean Beach:
This throw-back to San Diego’s surfer roots has a downtown full of local character. Expect to pay a little more for housing in the heart of downtown OB, but affordable apartments or houses for rent can be found a few blocks east of here.

San Diego Neighborhoods

North Park/South Park/University Heights:
These three nearby neighborhoods are a mix of small homes and apartments. Each neighborhood has its own downtown with a laid-back nightlife, local restaurants, and fun shops. Rent here is the same as in Hillcrest, but most graduate students who live here carpool to campus each week.

Pacific Beach:
“PB” is an active and fun beachfront neighborhood for the younger crowd. Graduate students who live here can rent apartments atop local bars or can move a few blocks northeast and get a house together. Rent is similar to that of Hillcrest for an apartment and about $700 for a room in a house.
Graduate Student Housing
Apply for graduate student housing at One Miramar, Mesa, Coast, and SGA on the UCSD ARCH website:
http://hds.ucsd.edu/arch/gradhousing.html

One Miramar: After a few months on the wait list, you can usually get a two-year lease in a two bedroom apartment at this high-rise complex built in 2007. Rent is approx $600 per month per person. One Miramar is just east of campus next to Mesa housing. The Mesa shuttle provides transport to campus on weekdays with a commute of about 15 minutes or you can walk to campus in about 25 minutes.

Mesa: You can live for up to two years in these two-bedroom older apartments (a handful of apartments are one bedroom or three bedroom.) This complex is better suited for families or graduate students who are willing to wait on the 2-3 year wait list. Rent is approx $480 per month. The Mesa shuttle provides transport to campus on weekdays for a commute of 15 minutes or you can walk to campus in about 30 minutes.

UCSD’s Coast Graduate Student Apartments
Coast: You can get a two-year lease in a two bedroom (again, some studios and three bedroom apartments) here after 3-4 years on the wait list. Coast apartments are on La Jolla Shores Drive between NSB and SIO. Rent is approx $520 per month. You can walk to campus in about 10 minutes or take the 30 bus or the SIO shuttle.

Single Graduate Apartments:
Currently, ARCH offers a two-year lease for one room in a four bedroom apartment in this complex at the Northern tip of campus. Apartments are furnished and have communal bathrooms, family rooms, and kitchens (you do not pick your roommates.) Rent is $468 per person and the campus loop shuttle will take you around campus. You can walk to the Salk Institute or UCSD in about 15 minutes.

New policies are under negotiation for on campus housing, so wait lists may get shorter in the next few months, but lease lengths may also shorten.

Housing in La Jolla

La Jolla Cove

UTC
Some graduate students live in this neighborhood directly next to campus and near the University Towne Center mall. UTC is convenient with many shuttles and buses that take you to campus, but there is minimal nightlife within walking distance. Rent is about $850 per person in a two bedroom.

Sunset at La Jolla Shores Beach