THE UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

43 biology students held leadership roles in the three divisional student organizations. Membership spanned over 400 students.

422 students developed communication and teaching skills via participating in the Biology Instructional Assistants Program.

146 undergraduates and biology MS students presented at the annual Biological Sciences Research Showcase.

157 Biology majors studied abroad and received UC credit in countries such as Costa Rica, Sweden, Australia, and many more.

RESEARCH FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT AT A GLANCE

1,053 UC San Diego undergraduates conducted independent biology research in labs allowing for application of classroom knowledge to real-world problems while earning academic credit. This total does not include students who volunteered or worked for pay in labs.

WORKSHOPS & CAREER EXPLORATION

100 events were hosted by Biology Student Engagement and our affiliated student organizations, BSSA, BioScholars, and Saltman Quarterly. The goal of these events is to introduce students to experiential learning opportunities and to encourage building community. Topics include:

- Study Abroad
- Careers in Life Science Industries
- Internship & Research Opportunities
- Networking with Professionals & Alums
- Biotechnology Competition
- Workshops in Career Development

biology.ucsd.edu/go/undergrad
DIVISIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Over $100K was awarded through the Eureka! and Wienhausen Scholarships. Eureka scholarships allow biology students to conduct research each summer with leading science labs. The Wienhausen Award acknowledges outstanding leadership and community engagement through a one-time $5,000 award that supports students to continue their educational endeavors.

For more information, link to “Discover Funding” on the Biological Sciences website: biology.ucsd.edu/education/undergrad/resources

RECENT BIOLOGY ALUMNI CAREER PATHS

HEALTH & MEDICINE
Behavioral Therapist
Pharmacy Technician
Patience Care Technician
Veterinary Assistant

RESEARCH & INDUSTRY
Clinical Research Analyst
Lab Research Technician
Forensic DNA Analyst
Product Management
Sales Development

EDUCATION & PUBLIC SERVICE
Healthcare Educator
Peace Corps
Science Policy Researcher
Teacher

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

“I strongly believe that it takes a community to drive yourself forward and help you realize your goals and ambitions. With all of the countless hours I’ve poured into being part of student organizations, I truly feel that I have, in turn, received something far more valuable.”

Ivan Lu, Biochemistry and Cell Biology ’19, BSSA Co-President —

“One of the best decisions I made in college was to get involved with [Saltman Quarterly]. I gained mentorship from both senior students and faculty, and began making connections and networks that would help me tremendously through college. Having experience in science communication helped me with my goals of becoming a physician scientist.”

— Milli Desai, Human Biology ’14, Editor-in-Chief of Saltman Quarterly 2012-2013
M.D. Candidate at UCSD School of Medicine

“Joining the BioScholars Steering Committee has provided a rare and challenging opportunity to exercise leadership and teamwork...BioScholars creates a network of incredibly diverse and driven students.”

— Emma Huie, Human Biology ’20, BioScholars Vice President External

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