About UCSF

University of California, San Francisco is the leading university exclusively focused on health. Through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care, UCSF is leading revolutions in health worldwide.

UCSF Chancellor

Sam Hawgood, MBBS, a pediatrician, scientist and educator, became UCSF’s 10th chancellor on July 17, 2014, following a tenure as dean of the highly ranked UCSF School of Medicine.

Education

U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks UCSF’s four graduate schools — Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy — as well as its graduate programs in basic science, social science and global health — among the top in the world.

3,300 STUDENTS
1,500 RESIDENTS
1,000 POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Training takes place at UCSF Health’s hospitals and clinics, as well as at its partner hospitals — Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno — and numerous clinics throughout Northern California.

Patient Care

- UCSF Health is recognized worldwide for its high-quality, innovative patient care, informed by advanced technologies and pioneering research. UCSF Health providers are leaders in virtually all specialties, including cancer, cardiology, children’s health, neurology and transplant, and direct more than 1,500 clinical trials each year. UCSF Health exceeds the most widely used patient satisfaction and safety measures in the nation, and holds the highest designation for facilities that treat the most complex and specialized conditions.

UCSF Health includes UCSF Medical Center, ranked among the nation’s top five hospitals by U.S. News & World Report 2018–19, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals, and Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics. The health system also includes affiliations with top-tier hospitals and physician groups throughout the Bay Area to bring specialty care to patients close to home.

- UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals, with locations in San Francisco and Oakland, compose the largest network of children’s medical providers in Northern California, and offer more than 65 pediatric medical specialties and subspecialties, including the region’s top-ranked pediatric cancer care.

- UCSF Dental Center operates 21 clinics in San Francisco, providing comprehensive dental services from routine care to the most sophisticated oral health care available today.

UCSF is recognized as one of the world’s greatest research universities, with a collaborative culture focused on understanding, preventing and treating disease.

UCSF is the top public recipient of the highly competitive funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In 2017:

- UCSF School of Medicine: $527 million
- UCSF School of Pharmacy: $34.3 million
- UCSF School of Dentistry: $18.5 million
- UCSF School of Nursing: $8.88 million
UCSF stands as one of the principal economic engines in San Francisco and the nine-county Bay Area. FY 17-18: $7.07 billion budget revenue

- $1.13 billion Other
- $1.46 billion Grants and Contracts
- $150 million State Funds
- $4.33 billion UCSF Health Clinical Services

UCSF scientists are driving revolutions in health, from the discovery that enabled physicians to control the AIDS epidemic to recombinant DNA techniques that laid the groundwork for today’s biotechnology industry.

Five UCSF scientists have received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine:
- J. Michael Bishop, MD, and Harold Varmus, MD (1989) – For discovery of how normal genes turn into cancer-causing genes.
- Stanley Prusiner, MD (1997) – For discovery of prions, which cause degenerative brain disorders.
- Elizabeth Blackburn, PhD (2009) – For discovery of telomerase, an enzyme that plays a key role in cell aging and most cancers.
- Shinya Yamanaka, MD, PhD (2012) – For discovery of how to transform adult cells into any human cell type, revolutionizing stem cell research.

Researchers are on the front line in studying and developing novel treatments for diseases ranging from diabetes to Alzheimer’s disease. UCSF’s pioneering work in multiple sclerosis led to FDA approval of an effective new medication for MS in 2016.

As a leading public university, UCSF is committed to its public mission to serve, educate and care for the community.

- 100+ Community Engagement Programs
- $9.25 million Charitable Care Provided in FY2016-17
- $322.45 million Subsidized Care to Medi-Cal Patients

Community engagement programs include:
- UCSF Science and Health Education Partnership (SEP), supporting science education in 90% of San Francisco’s public schools. UCSF also leads the Bay Area Science Festival, engaging 75,000 participants.
- UCSF Dental Outreach programs, offering $3 million of free dental care across Northern California through student externships, and 1,300+ free procedures through the Community Dental Clinic for low-income and homeless patients.
- UCSF Program in Medical Education for the Urban Underserved (PRIME-US) prepares medical students to care for vulnerable populations by partnering with community clinics and non-profit organizations.
- San Francisco Cancer Initiative (SF CAN), launched in 2016 with the City, public health and community groups with the goal of reducing cancer mortality in San Francisco, especially among the most vulnerable members of the community.
- UCSF’s Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) provides programs to increase college enrollment and encourage advanced education in science to high school students in UCSF’s surrounding communities.
- EXCEL (Excellence through Community Engagement and Learning) provides training and opportunities for San Francisco residents on public assistance to gain employment in health services. EXCEL has graduated nearly 200 residents since 2010, 65 of whom were offered UCSF career positions. For every $1 invested in EXCEL, participants earn $3.15 the following year to support their families.

Data from 2016 Economic Impact Report