



Scholars Society at University of California San Diego Constitution for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Article I. Name of the Student Organization

The organization shall be called Scholars Society at UC San Diego.

Article II. Statement of Purpose

To foster service, academic development, and leadership among UC San Diego scholarship recipients (“Scholars”).

To promote a supportive and welcoming community among Scholars that allows them to enrich their social experience at UC San Diego.

To encourage Scholars to establish meaningful relationships with their peers, UC San Diego alumni, and faculty that can provide resources and support for achieving academic and career goals.

The Scholars Society at UC San Diego does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender, disability, age, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, or sexual orientation.

The Scholars Society at UC San Diego is an academic organization connected to UC San Diego Academic Enrichment Programs.

Article III. Non-profit Statement

Scholars Society at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Membership

An invitation for membership shall be extended only to UC San Diego undergraduate students who have been awarded an academic scholarship from UC San Diego, as determined by the University of California Regents based on the standards required to maintain the scholarships (this includes, but is not limited to, recipients of the Regents Scholarship, Chancellors Scholarship, Chancellors Associates, Jacobs Scholarship, and Alumni Scholarship). To be considered an active member, Scholars must attend at least three events and one General Body Meeting (GBM) per quarter. Scholars may be excused from the General Body Meeting requirement if they are unable to attend due to prior engagements such as classes and midterms by contacting an officer of the Scholars Society board personally or through the Scholars Society

email. Active members may receive a graduation stole and will have their name listed on the official roster.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

There shall be a minimum of one General Body Meeting each quarter to discuss upcoming events and opportunities. The GBMs will also consist of a social component, encouraging members of Scholars Society to get to know one another and discuss plans for the quarter. The Scholars Society officers shall convene each week in an Executive Board meeting. This meeting will allow officers to present plans for their respective events, determine organization-wide policies, and to oversee the functions of the organization as a whole. Scholars Society Officers will be allowed three absences per quarter from these meetings provided that notice of absence is given to both co-presidents at least 24 hours in advance. Co-presidents must release an agenda before each Executive Board meeting and each officer is required to fill out their respective sections in the agenda as well as presenting a report of the week's activities and event progress during the meeting. All organization meetings will be held virtually, in accordance with university policy, until in-person gatherings are allowed on campus as informed by UC San Diego.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers. All officers must remain active members for their time in office. Elections for Scholars Society President for the next academic year shall take place during spring quarter. Candidates for the position of president must give a two-minute speech at the Spring GBM outlining their qualifications and their goals for Scholars Society. Newly elected presidents will work with current core officers to select executive board members from the applicants. Voting for core officer positions shall be done electronically. In case of a tie, the position will be decided by a two-thirds vote from the current core officers, excluding the candidate if they are also a core officer. OSP officers will be appointed directly by the current OSP officers from the members of the OSP board. Other candidates for general board chairs and committee heads will submit an application and be appointed by the newly-elected core officers. All positions serve a term of one year, beginning and ending at the conclusion of Spring Banquet. An officer who fails to uphold the constitution of the Scholars Society at UC San Diego may be asked to resign by the co-presidents if there is a three-fourths consensus among officers at a weekly board meeting. Vacant positions may be filled by appointment during the school year.

Amendments to this constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the board members for the current academic year.

Core officers shall consist of the following:

- President
 1. shall plan and run all GBMs and board meetings.
 2. shall oversee all activities of the board.

3. shall delegate responsibilities to other officers as they arise.
 4. shall maintain organization logistics and registration.
 5. shall serve as liaison between Scholars Society and UC San Diego offices including but not limited to the UC San Diego Alumni Association, the UC San Diego Office of Research Affairs, UC San Diego Academic Enrichment Programs, UC San Diego Office of the Vice Chancellor –Student Affairs, and UC San Diego Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Retention and Success.
- Vice President Internal
 1. shall serve in the president's place should the president be unable to fulfill their duties.
 2. shall oversee officers of internal positions, including but not limited to social chair(s), mentor-mentee chair(s), and academic chair(s).
 3. shall design, maintain, and regularly update the Scholars website ([www.scholarsocietyUC San Diego.com](http://www.scholarsocietyUCSanDiego.com)).
 4. shall send out a weekly email blast to the entirety of the organization.
 5. shall oversee the Scholars Society Facebook group and email account.
 6. shall maintain a contact list and keep track of active members.
 - Vice President External
 1. shall oversee officers of external positions, including but not limited to overnight stay program (OSP) chairs and volunteer chair(s).
 2. shall maintain active communication with Scholars Societies of other UC campuses
 3. shall lead UC San Diego Scholars Society's participation in the annual Inter-UC Conference as well as any other quarterly events between Scholars Society of UC San Diego and Scholars Societies of other UC campuses.
 4. shall help organize and provide support for all meetings, including but not limited to board meetings and GBMs.
 - Chief Operations Officer
 1. shall create a budget for the year.
 2. shall be charged with obtaining funding through activities including but not limited to requesting funding from UC San Diego groups such as UC San Diego Associated Students and College Councils.
 3. shall manage all Scholars Society funds by keeping an organized record of cash flow external to the organization, including but not limited to fundraising, sponsorship, and expenditures; as well as an organized record of cash flow within the organization, including but not limited to reimbursements.

General Board Chair Positions and Committee Heads shall include:

- Overnight Stay Program (OSP) Chairs
 1. shall form and head the committee charged with planning and executing the annual Scholars Society Overnight Stay Program in a virtual or hybrid event.
 2. shall communicate with UC San Diego offices to organize the event
- Mentor-Mentee Chair(s)
 1. shall be charged with running the Mentor-Mentee program for Scholars.
 2. shall match Mentor and Mentee pairs based on information supplied by members through an online survey.

3. shall organize and update a list of all Mentor-Mentee pairs.
 4. shall organize at least three Mentor-Mentee bonding events per quarter.
- Social Chair(s)
 1. shall be charged with planning at least three social events per quarter. A social event is nonacademic and non-professional in nature, but is run with the goal of building camaraderie between scholars.
 - Academic Chair(s)
 1. shall be charged with hosting at least three events per quarter to connect scholars to academic and professional resources at UC San Diego.
 2. in conjunction with the Vice President External, shall host the annual alumni dinner as well as the Legacy Lecture event.
 - Volunteer Chair(s)
 1. shall be charged with hosting three total volunteer events per quarter to provide community service virtually.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Scholars Society at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Scholars Society at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Possible risks associated with organization activities include risks expected of participating in online events, such as zoom bombings or harassment from third parties. Scholars Society at UC San Diego will attempt to minimize risk of online hazards and will not host in-person events until further notice from the university in accordance with social distancing guidelines and university policy. If hybrid events are allowed in later quarters, these programs will incur risks expected of participation in an event on the UC San Diego campus.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMUNITY ADVISOR

An organization advisor will help to oversee and coordinate the actions of Scholars Society for the duration of the school year, and to serve as the organization's main point of contact with the UC San Diego administration.