

# **UNDERGRADUATE BIOINFORMATICS CLUB (UBIC) AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION – 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be called Undergraduate Bioinformatics Club (UBIC) at UC San Diego.

## **ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Undergraduate Bioinformatics Club (henceforth referred to as UBIC) at UC San Diego is an organization whose purpose is to serve bioinformatics undergraduates by providing resources for students entering the growing discipline; furthering access to job, internship, and research opportunities; facilitating an open forum for discussion, collaboration, and socialization; holding events, programs, and meetings; and acting as a collective voice for bioinformatics students at UC San Diego.

## **ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT**

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

## **ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Any person enrolled as a student at UC San Diego shall be eligible for membership in UBIC, Membership in UBIC shall be open to any student in accordance with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement of UC San Diego.

## **ARTICLE IV. SECTION 1. HAZING PREVENTION**

The Undergraduate Bioinformatics Club (UBIC) is committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all its members and does not condone hazing. Hazing, in any form, is strictly prohibited within the organization in compliance with state and federal law, Regents' policies and University regulations. Participation in hazing or any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, activity, or method committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons, including current, former, or prospective students, regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of a preinitiation, an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, an official or unofficial student organization or other student group that i. causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, including personal degradation or disgrace, and/or ii. the person knew or should have known was likely to cause serious bodily injury. As an organization, we understand that failure to abide by hazing policies and laws will result in referral to the Center for Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE) for an organizational violation and/or individual violation(s).

## **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

Meetings of the members of UBIC shall be held at fixed times convenient for the current term at the discretion of the officers of UBIC, and shall consist of not more than one general body meeting a week.

**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. Elections shall be held halfway through the Spring quarter. Candidates may apply for the following positions: President, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Internal Affairs, or Vice President of Finance. The President will be elected first, followed by the Vice President of External Affairs, followed by the Vice President of Internal Affairs, and Vice President of Finance. If a candidate would like to run for more than one position, they may do so if they were not elected for their first choice. For example, if a person ran for President, but lost, they would still be allowed to run for any of the three Vice Presidential positions. Each election will consist of candidates giving a 5 minute speech to the members in attendance at the meeting, followed by a question and answer session for all candidates. The position will be decided by a blind popular vote, administered by graduating Seniors (and/or members who are not running for any position) in attendance. Once these four positions have been established, it is up to their joint discretion how to recruit the rest of their Council.

**ARTICLE VI. SECTION 1. REMOVAL PROCESS**

An individual will be removed in the case of graduation or desire to discontinue on board. If general board members express the desire to discontinue on board during the school year, they will not be replaced due to our large existing board. If individuals are discontinuing due to graduation, that is covered by our yearly spring selection of new officers. In the case of the Exec board discontinuing, the process of election will be held as mentioned in the previous article.

**ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

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