About UCSF

The 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 care delivery, UCSF spearheads revolutions in health worldwide.

UCSF and its health care network has been a leader in providing care for over 150 years through public health crises from the 1918 flu to HIV/AIDS to COVID-19. UCSF’s leadership in public health responses has always prioritized close collaboration with the city and state, as well as with other health systems, research collaborators, and nonprofit community-based organizations.

UCSF Chancellor

Sam Hawgood, MBBS, a renowned researcher, professor, academic leader, and pediatrician, has been chancellor of UCSF since 2014. Recognized for his strong leadership as dean of the UCSF School of Medicine from 2009 to 2014, and his brief tenure as interim chancellor, Hawgood was selected after a national search as UCSF’s 10th chancellor. He reports to UC President Michael V. Drake, M.D., and the UC Board of Regents. Today, Hawgood, the Arthur and Toni Rembe Rock Distinguished Professor, oversees a $9.25 billion UCSF enterprise. His purview includes the UCSF School of Medicine, the top public recipient of research funds from the National Institutes of Health, a regional hospital ranked among the top five in the US and San Francisco’s second-largest public employer, with more than 27,000 faculty and staff.

Health Care

- **UCSF Health** is recognized worldwide for its high-quality, innovative care, informed by pioneering research and advanced technologies.

  UCSF Medical Center received top rankings in U.S. News & World Report’s prestigious 2023-24 Best Hospitals survey. It was named to the Best Hospitals Honor Roll, a distinction earned by only 22 medical centers nationwide. UCSF is California’s top hospital in neurology/neurosurgery and rheumatology and is among the nation’s top ten in geriatric care, psychiatry, cancer, pulmonology/lung surgery, and ophthalmology.

  With more than 1,700 clinical trials each year, UCSF Health is also at the forefront of offering patients the latest therapies, led by clinician-researchers who are committed to providing the most advanced care in their fields.

  UCSF Health includes UCSF Medical Center, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals and the Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics. The health system also includes affiliations with top-tier hospitals and physician groups throughout the region, bringing specialty care to patients close to home.

- **UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals**, with locations in Oakland and San Francisco, comprise the largest network of children’s medical providers in Northern California and offer more than 50 pediatric medical specialties and subspecialties, including the region’s top-ranked pediatric cancer care.

- **UCSF Dental Center** operates 22 clinics in San Francisco, providing comprehensive dental services from routine care to the most sophisticated oral health care available today.

Education

UCSF consistently ranks among the nation’s top universities for its four graduate schools — Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy — as well as its graduate programs in basic science, social science, and global health. According to the 2023-2024 U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate School rankings, the UCSF School of Medicine ranked:

- #2 in surgery
- #3 in family medicine, internal medicine, and radiology
- #4 in anesthesiology, obstetrics and gynecology, and psychiatry
- #5 in primary care, research training, and pediatrics

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, and Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno – and numerous clinics throughout Northern California.

All four professional schools are among the top in the nation in research funding from the National Institutes of Health. UCSF’s schools of Dentistry, Medicine, and Pharmacy were first among their national peers, and the School of Nursing was first among public nursing schools and fourth overall (see Research on back).
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 2022:
- UCSF School of Medicine: $751 million
- UCSF School of Pharmacy: $30 million
- UCSF School of Dentistry: $24 million
- UCSF School of Nursing: $13 million

UCSF stands as one of the principal economic engines generating employment and revenue throughout San Francisco and the nine-county Bay Area.

UCSF scientists drive revolutions in health, from recombinant DNA techniques that laid the groundwork for today's biotechnology industry, to discoveries that enabled physicians to control the AIDS epidemic, to innovative responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a leading public university, UCSF is committed to its local mission to serve, educate, and care for the community. Among several programs, UCSF invests in capacity building, youth education, and safety training throughout the region.

PUBLIC PARTNER HOSPITALS:
- Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center: 150+ years
- San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center: 50+ years

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 offer free dental care across Northern California through student externships, and free dental 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 nonprofit 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.
- Anchor Institution Mission (AIM) collaborates with community partners to increase the economic security and opportunity for under-resourced populations in the San Francisco Bay Area by leveraging UCSF’s workforce development, procurement, and community investment resources.