In the latest annual ranking, UC San Diego's graduate education in chemistry received praise. The School of Physical Sciences rose to 20th in the nation, with biochemistry jumping eight spots to eighth in the nation. The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry is a core value in the school, and supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion is a top priority for the department. We strive to be a top-ranked and recognized leader in discoveries, awards, and other accolades. The Department in Chemistry & Biochemistry is committed to excellence in teaching and mentoring excellence and supporting students and postdoctoral researchers in safe and inclusive environments as they prepare to become leaders in their respective fields.

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Professor and Chair
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Message from Chair Michael Burkart

In this edition of The Periodical, you will find some of the highlights from our annual Chemistry and Biochemistry seminars, faculty news, and blog posts. We also have a special announcement about an upcoming event.

New Faculty

Robert Zhong is a new faculty member in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry. Robert is a chemical engineer with expertise in the development of novel materials and devices for energy storage and conversion. His research focuses on the design and synthesis of advanced materials for rechargeable batteries, supercapacitors, and photovoltaics.

Biology, Chemistry, Evolution and Climate

The School of Physical Sciences Announces 2023 EDI Excellence Awardees

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2023 EDI Excellence Awards. The awards recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion in the school. The awardees come from a diverse range of backgrounds and have made important contributions to their fields.

Professor Andrew Pun earned the Excellence in Education Award for his outstanding contributions to teaching and mentoring. His research focuses on the development of new materials for photovoltaics and energy storage.

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Postdoc News

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