The Campaign For
UC San Diego

At the University of California San Diego, challenging convention is our most cherished tradition. The Campaign for UC San Diego is a university-wide comprehensive fundraising effort to transform the student experience, our campus, and ultimately the way humanity approaches problems and develops solutions.

Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship

Celebrating Diversity at the Center for Networked Systems

A Vision of Inclusion
UC San Diego aims to grow the positive impact of the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship through the creation of an endowment to perpetually support our diverse body of students.

Recognition and support of all communities are key components of UC San Diego's strategic plan. By developing confident graduates who embrace their differences as strengths, UC San Diego grows the number of underrepresented employees in the workforce. Organizations with teams from wide-ranging backgrounds enjoy a greater ability to understand the needs of customers and consider solutions that engage a variety of users.

Key among our efforts is outreach to students who actively support the LGBT community. LGBT students still face marginalization and stand to benefit tremendously from active expressions of validation and support.

The Center for Networked Systems has affirmed the importance of future LGBT researchers and engineers by establishing the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship, homage to a titan in the field of computer science whose contributions were tragically cut short. A founder of the field of computer science, Alan Turing was credited by Winston Churchill as making the single-most important individual contribution to the Allied victory in World War II through his brilliant codebreaking. After the war, Turing suffered outright persecution for being gay. He committed suicide in 1954.

Continue the non-tradition.
Positive Impact on UC San Diego Students

The Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship was created in 2015 and is awarded each year to a UC San Diego undergraduate student majoring in computer science or computer engineering who has demonstrated their academic merit and who is also active in supporting the LGBT community. Preference is given to students with demonstrated financial need. This year, a scholarship of approximately $2,000 will be awarded.

Establishment of the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship highlights the Center for Networked Systems’ interest in celebrating students from all backgrounds and orientations. Awarded scholars benefit from this recognition of their achievements and continue their studies financially and emotionally boosted by this prestigious commendation.

Perhaps most importantly, the creation of the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship is a decisive step in reframing a legacy so unjustly limited by a culture not yet ready to embrace the wealth of perspective and experience difference can bring.

Giving Opportunities

Gifts to build the initial $50,000 endowment of the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship will ensure future generations of talented and diverse computer science and engineering students are supported in their studies.

Thank You

In the same tradition of innovation embodied by Alan Turing himself, the Center for Networked Systems’ Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship pushes past the conventional to make a better future. The scholarship’s acknowledgement of students who actively work towards inclusion and support of LGBT students hastens the recognition that every discipline benefits from a diversity of scholars.

With your help we can continue to grow this legacy of acceptance through ensuring the support of future students, catalyzing critical change, and reconfiguring rigid and outdated concepts of belonging.

Help us continue the tradition.

With your help, UC San Diego will create a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive campus community. Our office has already transformed the campus through valuable support programs, tools for inclusive excellence, scholarships, and academic success initiatives. Together with your philanthropic support of the Campaign for UC San Diego, the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will continue to grow, nurture, and lead initiatives that influence our shared future.

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