



REGISTER STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS PRINCIPAL MEMBER AGREEMENT 2026-2027

Please read and agree to each section of the Principal Member Agreement

As a Principal Member, I hereby agree to comply with the University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students (PACAOS), UC San Diego Student Conduct Procedures, and UC San Diego Policy and Procedures Manual applying to student organizations, which includes, but is not limited to:

I. POLICY ON REGISTERED CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

A Registered Campus Organization is an organization whose membership predominantly comprises students, faculty, and/or staff of a particular University campus, and that attains recognition as a Registered Campus Organization by complying with the requirements and procedures set forth in campus implementing regulations. Membership in a Registered Campus Organization shall be open to any student, consistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement for University of California Publications Regarding Student-Related Matters, with the exception that membership in an officially recognized sorority or fraternity may be limited by gender. (University of California Policy on Registered Campus Organizations, Section 70.10)

Definition of a Registered Student Organization - An organization whose membership is predominantly comprised of UC San Diego students and attains recognition through the Center for Student Involvement by complying with this Policy and related procedures. **Registered Student Organizations are independent entities and are not official units of UC San Diego.** As such, UC San Diego is not responsible for the acts or omissions of Registered Student Organizations and/or any members/persons acting on behalf of those student organizations. (UC San Diego Policy and Procedure Manual on Student Matter, 160-9)

- [University of California Policy PACAOS-70: Registered Campus Organizations](#)
- [UC San Diego Policy & Procedure Manual Section: 160-9, Student Organizations](#)

II. NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The University of California, and UC San Diego, in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and University policy, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation,

citizenship, or service in the uniformed services. The University and UC San Diego also prohibits sexual harassment. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission, access, and treatment in University programs and activities. Inquiries regarding the University's student-related nondiscrimination policies may be directed to the Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination, (858) 534-8298, ophd@ucsd.edu. (Nondiscrimination Policy)

- [University of California Policy PACAOS-20: Policy on Nondiscrimination](#)
- [UC San Diego Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination: Nondiscrimination Policy Statement](#)

As a Principal Member, I certify the organization will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services. This certification shall override any language to the contrary in the organization's bylaws, constitution, or other documents.

Complaints about harassment or discrimination may be referred to the [Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination](#) for investigation.

III. HAZING

No Student organization or other person attending UC San Diego shall knowingly commit, participate in, or conspire to commit in any manner, acts of hazing.

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.

- [University of California Policy PACAOS-100: Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline](#)
- [UC San Diego Policy & Procedure Manual Section: 200-28, Interim Hazing Prevention Procedures](#)
- [University of California Abusive Conduct in the Workplace](#)
- [UC San Diego Center for Student Accountability Growth & Education](#)
- [UC San Diego Hazing Prevention](#)

IV. USE OF THE UNIVERSITY NAME

A registered student organization shall not use the name of the University of California, University of California, San Diego, or abbreviations thereof as a part of its own name except in accordance with University policies, including the UC San Diego Policy and Procedure Manual. Registered student organizations may include the words “at UC San Diego” or “@ UC San Diego” after their name to indicate their geographical location on campus. The acronym “UCSD” may not be used in place of “UC San Diego” **unless** within website domains, email addresses, and social media handles. (UC San Diego PPM 510-10) Organizations may not have UCSD or UC San Diego in front of their name when registering, on social media accounts, email addresses, websites, logos, printed materials, etc.

Registered student organizations cannot use official UC San Diego marks, including logos and seals. They may create their own logos and artwork provided they do not resemble UC San Diego's protected marks. Apparel and giveaway items bearing UC San Diego's name including “at/@ UC San Diego” must be ordered through licensed vendors. More detailed information on campus licensing policy and the ordering process can be found at [University Communications Trademarks and Licensing](#). Questions can be directed to brand@ucsd.edu and Univcomms-licensing@ucsd.edu.

- [UC San Diego Policy & Procedure Manual Section: 510-10, Use of University Properties](#)
- [Registered Student Organization \(RSO\) Branding Guide and Examples](#)
- [Licensed Vendors](#)

Student organizations who appear to be noncompliant with any University naming and branding policies will be sent written notification that provides them with 7 calendar days to become compliant. Student organizations who fail to make the required changes within that time period will be referred to the Office of Student, Growth, Accountability and Education (SAGE) for investigation of a possible violation of the student standards of conduct.

V. MEMBERSHIP

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. Only registered Principal Members are authorized to officially conduct business with UC San Diego or the University, e.g., calendar events, reserve facilities, access budget numbers or spend student organization funds. By signing this agreement, the Principal Members are stating that they are personally responsible for the organization's debts and all its other financial liabilities. If a Principal Member chooses not to accept this responsibility they must submit a written request to CSI to be deleted as a Principal Member. The organization shall meet at least once annually. (UC San Diego PPM 160-9).

- [UC San Diego Policy & Procedure Manual Section: 160-9, Student Organizations](#)

VI. FUNDRAISING

The activity of fund raising through sale of goods/services or through production of events cannot be continuous so as to take the form of a commercial enterprise unless specifically authorized by the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance. Refer to Section X, para. B. of this PPM for the definition of commercial. Fundraising which inures to the personal gain of any person other than through a contractual arrangement is not permitted. (UC San Diego PPM 510-1 Section XI)

- [UC San Diego Policy & Procedure Manual Section: 510-1, Use of University Properties](#)

VII. STUDENT CONDUCT

A Student Organization and its Principal Members may be collectively or individually charged and/or held responsible when actions by its Principal Members, leaders, officers, or members violate the UC San Diego Student Conduct Procedures in conjunction with activities or events, held on- or off-campus, sanctioned explicitly or implicitly by the organization's Principal Members, leaders, officers, or members.

- [UC San Diego Student Conduct Policies and Procedures](#)

VII. INDEMNIFICATION

The registered student organization and its members agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Regents, the University, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, unless due to willful or negligent acts or omissions of the University.