



NEW COLLABORATION WITH NASA

Berkeley Space Center Launched

The University of California, Berkeley is teaming up with NASA's Ames Research Center and developer SKS Partners to create research space for companies interested in collaborating with UC Berkeley and NASA scientists and engineers to generate futuristic innovations in aviation, space exploration and how we live and work in space. The Berkeley Space Center aims to accommodate up to 1.4 million square feet of research space on 36 acres of land leased at NASA Ames' Moffett Field in Mountain View. The new buildings, some of which could be ready for move-in as early as 2027, will house state-of-the-art research and development laboratories for companies and UC Berkeley researchers, and classrooms for UC Berkeley students. These students will benefit from immersion in the Silicon Valley start-up culture and proximity to the nation's top aeronautical, space and AI scientists and engineers at Ames.

Learn more: [Berkeley Space Center](#)

NEW DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE

Neuroscience Innovation

UC Berkeley launched a new Department of Neuroscience in July 2024 to advance the understanding of brain, mind, and behavior through research, education and training. Faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and postdoctoral researchers study how the brain functions in health and disease, how it generates behavior and thought, and how it computes. Researchers also focus on the nervous system on levels ranging from molecules and cells, to neural circuits and systems, to behavior and cognition, to neural computation and are at the forefront of developing new neurotechnologies. The new Department builds on excellence of the Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute with outstanding faculty, cutting-edge research and a vibrant PhD program.

Learn more: [Department of Neuroscience](#)

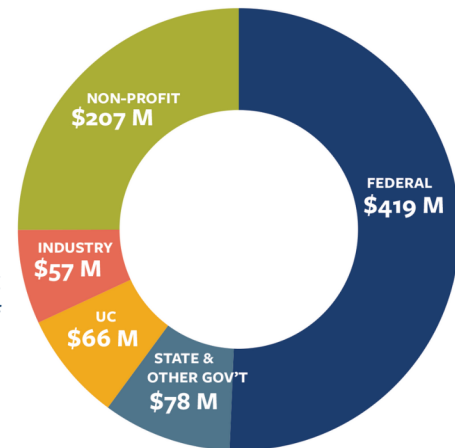
SPONSORED RESEARCH

A Breakthrough Year for Research

2023/24 was another banner year for UC Berkeley researchers securing important awards from external sources. Support was driven in part by continued funding from state and other government sources, with the federal government providing 51 percent and state and other governments 9 percent. Non-profit partners accounted for 25 percent in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Of the research funding provided by the US government, the largest contributors are the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the National Labs. The largest 2023/24 awards focus on new research efforts in micro-electronics, school infrastructure, neuroscience, genome editing, climate and the environment, as well as public policy.

Learn more: [Excellence in Research](#)

2023/24 Research Funding by Sponsor in Millions



Total Awards = \$827 million

Calculated on the basis of project period

U.S. AND GLOBAL RANKING

UC Berkeley No. 1 Public University

UC Berkeley is the No. 1 public university in the U.S and the eighth-best university in the world, according to the Times Higher Education's 2025 World University Rankings. Berkeley has held the ranking of top U.S. public university for nine of the past 10 years.

Learn more: [Times Higher Ed ranks UC Berkeley No.1 public university in the U.S.](#)

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Berkeley faculty are leading the charge in many disciplines to make profound changes in the way we understand and interact with the world. Highlights include:



Nobel Laureate
DAVID CARD

David Card won the 2021 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for work that challenged orthodoxy and shifted our understanding of inequality and the social and economic forces that impact low-wage workers.



Nobel Laureate
RANDY SCHEKMAN

Randy Schekman received the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his role in revealing the machinery that regulates the transport and secretion of proteins in our cells.



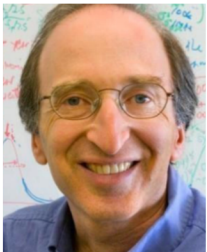
Nobel Laureate
JENNIFER DOUDNA

2020 Nobel Laureate Jennifer Doudna is best known for her pioneering work on CRISPR/Cas9, a tool for editing genes that offers a potent new approach to understand and treat complex genetic diseases.



Energy Secretary
JENNIFER GRANHOLM

Jennifer Granholm joined President Joe Biden's cabinet as Energy Secretary in 2021. A UC Berkeley alumna, Granholm taught courses and served on the faculty of the Goldman School of Public Policy.



Nobel Laureate
SAUL PERLMUTTER

Saul Perlmutter received the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics. He led one of the two research teams that simultaneously discovered the accelerating expansion of the universe.



Treasury Secretary
JANET YELLEN

Janet Yellen was appointed Treasury Secretary in early 2021. She served as Chair of the Federal Reserve from 2014-2018. Prior to that, she was a distinguished faculty member in Business and Economics at UC Berkeley.

Berkeley Counts Among Its Faculty:

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| 10 Nobel Laureates | 9 National Medal of Science Recipients |
| 6 A.M. Turing Award Recipients | 240 American Academy of Arts and Science Fellows |
| 2 Fields Medal in Mathematics Recipients | 69 National Academy of Engineering Members |
| 25 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigators | 128 National Academy of Sciences Members |
| 21 MacArthur Fellows | 27 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers Awardees |
| 1 National Poet Laureate | 19 National Academy of Inventors Fellows |
| 79 Guggenheim Fellows | 40 American Philosophical Society Members |
| 4 Pulitzer Prize Winners | |