

# TITANREPORT



## U.S. NEWS NAMES CSUF ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAMS AMONG THE NATION'S 'BEST'

Three Cal State Fullerton online graduate programs — education, business and engineering — are in the top 25 schools ranked nationwide by U.S. News & World Report's 2021 Best Online Programs list released Jan. 26. Four CSUF programs also ranked in the top three statewide.

In September, U.S. News ranked Cal State Fullerton fourth in Top Public Schools in the Western region, third in Best Undergraduate Teaching and fifth in Most Innovative Schools. CSUF also ranked 16th in Regional Universities — West, and ninth in Top Performers on Social Mobility, a ranking computed after U.S. News assessed 1,452 institutions on 17 measures of academic quality, including average graduation rate, average first-year retention rate, average federal loan debt of graduates, and Pell Grant graduation rate.

[BIT.LY/U-S-NEWS-RANKS-CSUF-BEST](https://bit.ly/u-s-news-ranks-csuf-best)

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## Student Scientist Searches For Therapeutics to Treat West Nile Virus

With no treatment or cure for West Nile virus — spread through the bite of an infected mosquito — Cal State Fullerton undergraduate researcher Shaina Nguyen is working on creating new therapeutics to treat people infected with the disease.

Since her freshman year, Nguyen, a biochemistry major who is graduating in May, has worked in the lab of Nicholas T. Salzedo, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry. The researchers are seeking treatments since there is no vaccine or medications available for the mosquito-borne disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during mosquito season, which starts in the summer and continues through fall, about 1 in 5 people who are infected with West Nile virus develop a fever and other symptoms. About 1 out of 150 infected people get a severe condition, including neurological symptoms, such as meningitis and encephalitis, or sometimes, fatal illnesses.

[BIT.LY/STUDENT-SEARCHES-TO-TREAT-NILE-VIRUS](https://bit.ly/student-searches-to-treat-nile-virus)

### #TITANS GIVE RETURNS ON MARCH 9!

Last year, on our inaugural #TitansGive day of giving, more than \$230,000 was raised to fund and establish scholarships, support student programs and provide high-impact teaching resources.

We hope to surpass last year's success with our second annual giving day on Tuesday, March 9.

From midnight to midnight, philanthropic support for CSUF will be encouraged with exciting matching gifts, challenges and contests. Participate in this fully-online giving event and help be the difference for Titans! Questions?

VISIT [TITANS GIVE.FULLERTON.EDU](https://titansgive.fullerton.edu)



### CSUF's Animation Program Earns Top-Tier National and Statewide Ranking

Cal State Fullerton's entertainment art and animation program ranks ninth among the nation's public schools and colleges, and at No. 11 in California in the 2021 Animation School Rankings released on Jan. 27 by Animation Career Review.

This is the 10th annual rankings for animation offered by Animation Career Review, an online resource for aspiring professionals in animation, game design, graphic design, digital art and related fields.

[BIT.LY/CSUF-TOP-RANK-ANIMATION-PROGRAM](https://bit.ly/csuf-top-rank-animation-program)



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## 'It Takes a Titan' Campaign Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

At the end of February 2020, we publicly launched **"It Takes a Titan – The Campaign for Cal State Fullerton."** The endeavor is the university's first comprehensive campaign with a bold goal to raise \$200 million to support our incredible students and to demonstrate the growing culture of philanthropy among our Titan family. Despite our public launch being on the eve of the pandemic, we truly witnessed this year what it means when we say **"It Takes a Titan."** We are well on our way to a successful campaign scheduled for completion in December 2022, and in the face of extreme adversity, Titans all over are showing amazing acts of **generosity, resilience and commitment** to the success of Cal State Fullerton. **Thanks to supporters like you**, the campaign has raised \$165 million, year to date. Your investment in **Cal State Fullerton** allows us to provide life-changing educational opportunities to students across all major areas of the university.

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