

TITAN REPORT



U.S. News Issues 'Best' Ranking for Online Master's Programs

In the 2022 rankings recently issued by *U.S. News & World Report*, Cal State Fullerton's online master's programs ranked well among accredited graduate programs surveyed across the U.S.

The College of Business and Economics' online Master of Science in Information Technology program ranked No. 2 in California, behind USC, and the Best Online Master's in Business Programs (excluding the MBA degree) was No. 21 among the 193 business programs surveyed.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science graduate programs — Master of Science in Software Engineering and Master of Science in Environmental Engineering — hit No. 3 in California, behind UCLA and USC, and No. 30 nationally in Best Online Master's in Engineering Programs, placing it in the top 30% of the 104 programs evaluated.

U.S. News also ranked Cal State Fullerton No. 2 in California among all universities and No. 3 nationally among public universities for faculty research impact. The university also climbed to No. 5 (from 16th the previous year) in *Washington Monthly's* Regional Universities — West social mobility ranking, which considers graduation rates, strong social mobility, low-cost tuition and low debt for students.

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Summer Research Program Gives Hands-on Experience to Students

When William "Bill" Hoese, CSUF's 2021 Outstanding Professor, was hired in 2000, he found a gap in resources for ecological research. Hoese brought the importance of undergraduate research in ecology and environmental biology to the forefront of his "Outstanding Professor lecture," highlighting his work with the Southern California Ecosystems Research Program (SCERP), an intensive summer course that allows six undergraduate students the opportunity to research as a group. They explore three different ecosystems throughout May and June.

His dedication to ecology and environmental biology as well as his passion for hands-on learning, helped SCERP grow and succeed, providing biology students with the opportunity to explore the environmental world through a scientific lens. Aside from positioning students directly in the field, SCERP gives them the confidence to ask complex questions and work together to find solutions. By the end of the summer, Hoese said that his students identify themselves as scientists. The work that students do during the summer doesn't end when school starts.

"The program features an academic year seminar course focused on professional development and research skills," said Hoese. "Students go on to present their research findings in the fall, and they win awards for the work they do. They conduct independent research with a faculty mentor for up to two years."

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#TitansGive Donors Show Overwhelming Support in Day of Giving

Titans came together March 9 to support student success during #TitansGive, Cal State Fullerton's third annual day of giving.

The 24-hour online donation event raised a record-breaking \$491,900 for the university's "It Takes a Titan" campaign — roughly 8% more than in 2021. More than 1,960 donors from 49 states gave 2,263 gifts to help academic achievements and give back to the causes they believe in.

Visit the "It Takes a Titan" campaign website to learn more about how to be the difference in the lives of Titan students.

Titans Take Pride in Newly Renovated Softball Complex

Cal State Fullerton recently unveiled its newly renovated 6,500 square-foot softball clubhouse before scores of Titans supporters, including some members of Fullerton's 1986 NCAA championship team.

Judi Garman, Fullerton's legendary softball head coach, recalled struggling with limited resources when launching the sport in the 1980 season. "I started the softball program with basically nothing. To see this beautiful facility now --- I'm so proud of Cal State Fullerton for stepping up and doing this. It's awesome," said Garman, who guided the Titans for 20 years.

Titans Director of Athletics Jim Donovan paid tribute to Garman and her successor, Michelle Gromacki. He also thanked friends and donors.

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one who stands out for **greatness of achievement**

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2021 Honored for Skills, Resilience, Insight

At its recent Athletics Hall of Fame event, Cal State Fullerton recognized some of the best Titan athletes who have ever played on behalf of the university along with a beloved and respected faculty member who was credited with helping some of those teams achieve their greatest glories.

Held bi-annually, this year's Athletics Hall of Fame honorees were:

- Erin (Saddler) Henry, women's volleyball
- Giovanni Lanaro, pole vaulting
- Mike Pringle, football
- Ken Ravizza, faculty/administration
- 1986 Women's Softball Team

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