



UC San Diego

Defining the Future of the Public Research University

The University of California, San Diego, founded in 1960, has emerged as a premier teaching institution, an economic engine and a research powerhouse with a strong commitment to public service.

Outstanding faculty are a key to UC San Diego's success. Our students learn directly from leading scholars, including the 16 Nobel laureates who have taught at UC San Diego in the past five decades.

Most recently, in August 2013, President Barack Obama selected UC San Diego chemistry professor Mario Molina to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the United States government.

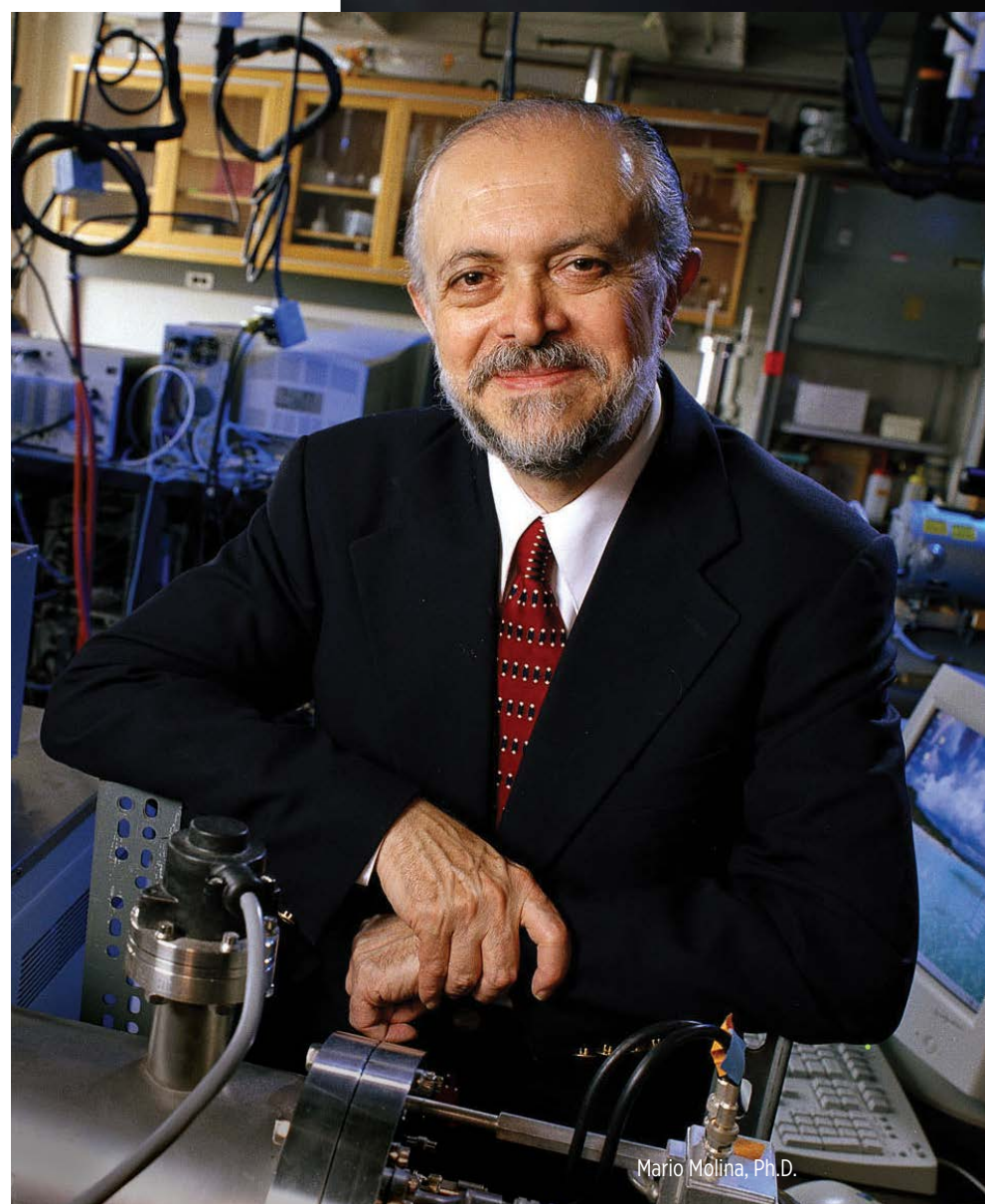
Mario Molina joins an elite group of individuals who've made their mark on our world by improving lives and our planet.

Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, UC San Diego

Molina is an international leader in developing science and environmental policy, particularly as it relates to urban and regional air pollution and climate change. In 1995 he shared the Nobel Prize in chemistry for revealing that common household chemicals were harming the Earth's ozone layer.

In all, 90 current faculty, including Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla, are members of one or more of the three prestigious national academies: the National Academy of Sciences (43), the National Academy of Engineering (18) and the Institute of Medicine (29). And exceptional innovators such as former faculty member Irwin Jacobs, co-founder of Qualcomm Inc. and National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipient, have shaped and led the campus.

These brilliant individuals help make UC San Diego a preeminent student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university. Our 30,000 students and 151,000 alumni advance UC San Diego's local and global impact. More than 650 companies—which generate an estimated \$26 billion in annual sales in the San Diego region—have been launched by or utilize technology produced by UC San Diego faculty, staff and alumni. From GoPro to Qualcomm, Life Technologies to Cubic, UC San Diego's community is changing the way we live.



Mario Molina, Ph.D.

#1 University in the nation for positive impact four years in a row

Washington Monthly, 2013

6th Among U.S. universities in total research and development expenditures

National Science Foundation



#6 West Coast college based on return on investment for graduates

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