

California State University Northridge

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New National Science Foundation data shows Cal State Northridge is one of the nation's top master's-level universities in preparing students who later earn research doctoral degrees. Northridge ranked second in the nation among more than 550 such colleges and universities for the decade 1995 to 2004, producing 560 total bachelor's degree recipients—between 50 and 70 each year—who later earned doctorates.

Cal State Northridge plays an especially prominent role in preparing the scientists of tomorrow. The University ranked fifth in the nation among master's-level colleges and universities by preparing 128 undergraduate students who later earned doctoral degrees in science fields between 2000 and 2004. Within those numbers, Northridge again ranked first in the nation among master's institutions in preparing future psychology doctoral degree recipients.

Three professors from the Physics and Astronomy Department, along with a colleague from Princeton University, have won a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to encourage CSUN students' work on cutting-edge research about nanotechnology, which helps develop microscopic devices. The grant to Northridge professors Nicholas Kioussis, Gang Lu and Donna Sheng also will help establish a partnership between Northridge and Princeton.

Matador Athletics concluded its 2005–2006 season with an assortment of honors. Three teams—men's soccer, men's volleyball and women's water polo—finished with Top 20 national rankings. The men's soccer and women's outdoor track and field squads won Big West Conference championships, and soccer coach Terry Davila and track coach Don Strametz received coach of the year recognition.

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