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Appointment of New Director of Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering

We are pleased to announce that Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Professor Olivia A. Graeve has been appointed Director of the Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering at UC San Diego. This university-wide program includes nearly 100 faculty from across campus. It offers both Master's and Ph.D. degrees and serves more than 200 students per year. It is the largest graduate program of its kind in the UC System and one of the largest in the nation.

The Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering at UC San Diego is truly interdisciplinary, with faculty from the Jacobs School of Engineering's Department of Bioengineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Department of NanoEngineering, and Department of Structural Engineering; from the School of Biological Sciences; from the School of Physical Sciences' Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Department of Physics; from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography; and from UC San Diego Health.

The Program is managed through the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in the UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering.

As Director, Professor Graeve will coordinate faculty participation, oversee curricula, and manage the budget and staff.

Professor Graeve is Director of the CaliBaja Center for Resilient Materials and Systems at UC San Diego. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the American Ceramic Society. She is a member of the Academy of Sciences of Latin America, the Mexican Academy of Sciences, and the Mexican Academy of Engineering. She is editor of the journal, *Materials Letters*. She recently completed six years of successful and high impact leadership of the [IDEA Engineering Student Center](#) at the UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering.

We would like to thank Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Professor Prabhakar Bandaru for his outstanding service as Director of the Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering over the last six years. He strengthened, expanded, and raised the profile of this graduate program in numerous ways.

The Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering is part of the larger materials science ecosystem at UC San Diego which includes programs, institutes, centers, and departmental efforts that provide critical talent and technology nationwide.

Please join us in welcoming Professor Graeve to this position and in thanking Professor Bandaru for his exemplary service.

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