



EXTENDED STUDIES and PUBLIC PROGRAMS  
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Thank you for taking your time to explore what Academic Connections has to offer to Girl Scouts. This program uses the university's cutting-edge resources to engage pre-collegiate students in high-level academic endeavors. It exposes them to expanding research opportunities and motivates them to increase their curiosity and capacity to learn and grow intellectually. Before the young students have discovered the rest of the world, Academic Connections seeks to increase their interest and excitement about the university experience and to enthuse them about UCSD's science programs.

We're delighted to be working with Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the Palmer Long-Term Ecological Research Programs. The 2002 program offers students three extremely fascinating marine science courses:

- Life in the Underwater Forest
- Marine Ecosystems from California to Antarctica
- Mysteries of the Whale

Last summer, Academic Connections offered 18 scholarships to deserving students. With the help of more individuals and organizations we could offer many more scholarships and increase our accessibility to all students. There are many wonderful students who could benefit from the program but who cannot afford to participate without financial assistance. Since we want the students to be able to explore whatever interest they have, we have a goal to create several open enrollment/unrestricted scholarships as well as those specifically support Girl Scouts, locally and nationally.

The mission-critical resources that ensure the full fruition and achievement of these programs include hard costs for materials such as computers, telecommunications and lab equipment, textbooks, and housing as well as the human resources costs for teaching staff, supervisory staff and activity coordinators.

The rewards of Academic Connections are great. The success of the program will aid in the expansion of the good reputation of UCSD and the UC system within California and to other states: it will satisfy the need each department of the University has for better-prepared, motivated students; and it will further our community's goal for well-adjusted, well educated graduates who contribute to the continued prosperity of our businesses and our country.

For more information on how you or your business can support Academic Connections please contact Becky Arce (858) 534-7074.