

**RESOLUTION**  
INITIATION OF THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF  
INDEPENDENT DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS  
AT SDSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**WHEREAS:**

Faculty members of the SDSU College of Engineering recognize that sustaining and growing California's technology-driven economy requires securing a skilled workforce with doctoral degrees to accommodate the ever rising and changing needs of technology;

**WHEREAS:**

Faculty members of the SDSU College of Engineering acknowledge that the involvement in basic and applied research are proper professional functions of any scholarly faculty;

**WHEREAS:**

The pursuit of such scholarly activities at the doctoral-level strengthen both undergraduate and graduate education;

**WHEREAS:**

The existing joint doctoral programs with the University of California, while being a valuable component within the overall educational and research activities of the SDSU College of Engineering, cannot provide sufficient doctoral degree-level academic pathways for SDSU College of Engineering students to strengthen their educational experience or leverage the aspirations and diverse educational and research activities of SDSU College of Engineering faculty, especially in new emerging technological fields;

**WHEREAS:**

The existing California Master Plan for Higher Education limits the direct access of the diverse student population of the SDSU College of Engineering to the most advanced degrees at the doctoral level that are highly demanded by industries in California and across the country, and constrains faculty from conducting scholarly activities at the highest level enabled by doctoral-level education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Faculty members of the SDSU College of Engineering request that the Administration of the SDSU College of Engineering in collaboration with the Administration and Senate of the San Diego State University shall initiate the process of the establishment of independent doctoral degree programs at the SDSU College of Engineering, including, when needed, the legislative proposals requesting the respective modifications of the California Master Plan for Higher Education.

Adopted at  
SDSU College of Engineering Faculty Meeting  
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