USD listed among “Top Universities for International Students” by U.S. News & World Report. This recognition is in addition to USD’s 2018 Best Colleges ranking at #90, which placed USD in the top 100 of National Universities ranked.

U.S. News reviewed a variety of data collected in an annual survey to determine which National Universities – institutions that offer a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master's and doctoral programs – are successfully supporting their international students both in and outside of the classroom. To create the list of Top Universities for International Students, U.S. News used a methodology that considers academic factors, such as the six-year graduation rate for international students, as well as social and cultural supports, like the availability of international student organizations.

To compile the inaugural Top Universities for International Students list, U.S. News first started with the 300 National Universities that were numerically ranked or listed in a ranking range in the 2018 Best Colleges rankings. U.S. News collected all of the data used for this list from the colleges in spring and summer 2017.

U.S. News then eliminated the 70 schools in the bottom 25 percent of the National Universities ranking – those that were listed with a numerical ranking range of 231-300. The remaining 230 schools, those numerically ranked No. 1 through a tie at No. 223, were eligible for the Top Universities for International Students list. In total, 181 schools of the 230 eligible schools made the list.