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## Cal Poly’s City and Regional Planning Department Ranked No. 1 in Nation

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Planetizen, the only national ranking organization for planning programs, has ranked the Cal Poly City and Regional Planning Department’s graduate program (MCRP) No. 1 nationally of all programs without a Ph.D.

Since the 2009 rankings, the MCRP has moved up five spots – from 25th to 20th – of all graduate planning programs in the nation. Cal Poly’s MCRP program was placed 6th in the top 10 graduate programs in the western United States.

The latest Planetizen surveyed hundreds of educators and students – along with the schools themselves – to gather information about what makes a good planning school and to find out which schools meet those criteria.

“These rankings are a testament to City and Regional Planning’s superb faculty and evidence of the outstanding training the program provides to prepare students for the professional work force,” said Hemalata Dandekar City and Regional Planning department head. “I am delighted at the recognition of the quality and commitment of our students and faculty.

“It’s an indication of the service our students will be able to provide to the State of California and to the profession through innovative and creative work with diverse communities,” Dandekar said.

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