



**Sheldon M. Schuster**  
President and Professor









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### Education

**UC DAVIS**  
 University of California, Davis  
 BS | Biochemistry

 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**University of Arizona**  
 PhD | Biochemistry

### About KGI




-  Claremont, CA
-  **15** Academic programs
-  **608** Students
-  **195** Faculty & Staff
-  **26** Average age of KGI students
-  **17** Countries represented in the student body
-  **7** Spin-off companies started by KGI faculty
-  Website: [kgi.edu](http://kgi.edu)

### Biography

Sheldon M. Schuster became the second president of Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) on July 15, 2003, succeeding founding president Henry E. “Hank” Riggs. At the time, the Institute had just one academic program and approximately 50 students. Under his leadership, KGI has shown tremendous growth, with 600 students enrolled in more than a dozen programs. With KGI’s entrepreneurial approach and industry connections, Schuster and the community of faculty and staff seek to provide pathways for students to become leaders within healthcare and the applied life sciences.

A San Mateo native, Schuster holds a BS in biochemistry from the University of California, Davis and a PhD in biochemistry from the University of Arizona. After graduation, Schuster joined the Institute for Enzyme Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He transitioned to academia with professorships at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Florida, followed by administrative roles at UF as the Interim Assistant Vice President for Research and Graduate Education and Director of the Biotechnology Program.

### LinkedIn Highlights

- Encouraging Future Biotech & Healthcare Leaders to Be Lifelong Learners 
- How a Strong Organizational Culture Starts with Your Mission and Values 
- Connecting the NORD Leadership with KGI’s Innovative Students 

### Academic Programs

- Doctor of Pharmacy
- Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Life Sciences
- Occupational Therapy Doctorate
- Master of Business and Science
- Master of Engineering in Biopharmaceutical Processing
- Master of Science in Applied Life Sciences
- Master of Science in Community Medicine
- Master of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling
- Master of Science in Human Genetics and Genomic Data Analytics
- Master of Science in Medical Device Engineering
- Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
- Master of Science in Translational Medicine
- Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs
- Postbaccalaureate Pre-PA Certificate
- Postbaccalaureate Premedical Certificate
- Certificate in Bioscience Management

### Top Employers of KGI Alumni

1. Amgen
2. Genentech
3. Gilead Sciences
4. BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc.
5. Kite Pharma
6. Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
7. CVS Health
8. Kaiser Permanente
9. Illumina
10. Thermo Fisher Scientific

### Audio & Videos

