

## **UC San Diego Chancellor's Scholars Program**

## Professor Mel Green Peer Mentoring Award Award Recipient - 2016



Jessica Cao 2014 Cohort Muir College Major: International Studies—Political Science Minor: Economics

Jessica Cao served as Marketing and Communications Manager for the UCSD Retirement Resource Center. She was Economic Empowerment Intern for the International Rescue Committee during summer 2017, and Research Intern at Eden Housing Inc. during summer 2018. Jessica studied abroad at Fudan University in 2016, and obtained a Master of International Affairs, International Management degree from the UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy in 2019. She currently works as Senior Associate for Client Leadership at Kantar.

## Jessica's mentee shared the following about their mentoring relationship:

"Jessica was everything I could have wanted in a mentor and more. She reached out to me consistently, always happy to help, and providing much-needed guidance along the way. I felt incredibly encouraged and assured with her as my mentor, not only gaining knowledge of campus resources and UCSD majors, but also a wonderful friend. We were in frequent contact, and I knew I could ask her about anything I didn't understand without fear of judgment. She would respond to all my questions and concerns with patience and sincerity, though I am sure I was repetitive with many of them. I am glad I was able to have this mentor-mentee experience with such a kind and genuine person."