

Tina Ngo Bartel - Bio

Tina Ngo Bartel is the Executive Director of the San Diego & Imperial Center of Excellence, where she leads research that helps education align with workforce needs. A former tech startup professional, she found her purpose in helping people and businesses grow by advocating for their needs through data. Inspired by her family's journey—from her mother's resilience as a Vietnamese refugee to her brother's and husband's community college success—Tina is passionate about expanding opportunities for working adults and students facing barriers to completion.

Over the past 13 years, her research has helped secure more than \$50 million in grants to strengthen education and workforce development in the region.