November 2025
Awards Received
Total: *$4,843,195*

SDSU College of Arts and Letters

Office of the Dean

Dr. Mathias Schulze and Dr. Christopher Brown
University of California Office of the President: "Every Student Succeeds Act – ESSA," **$35,000**

SDSU College of Education

Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education

Dr. Charles Degeneffe
California Department of Rehabilitation: "Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Needs Assessment," **$165,054**

Dr. Xiwei Zhu
University of Wisconsin-Madison: "Thriving in Community Colleges: A Longitudinal Mixed Methods Study of Student Mental Health and Educational Success," **$14,102**

Child and Family Development

Dr. Sarah Garrity
Price Philanthropies Foundation: "School in the Park Annual Award," **$9,635**

Dual Language and English Learner Education

Dr. Alberto Esquinca and Dr. Melissa Navarro
Spencer Foundation: "Research on Novice Bilingual Teachers," **$25,000**

Teacher Education

Dr. Nicholas Johnson
Chula Vista Elementary School District: "Young Children's Mathematics - Chula Vista Elementary School District," **$30,030**

University of California Office of the President: "San Diego Mathematics Project (ESSA)," **$32,437**

SDSU College of Engineering

Office of the Dean

Dr. Eugene Olevsky
University of California Office of the President: "Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) MESA Schools Program (MSP) - Jeanette Espino," **$275,000**; and "Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) MESA Schools Program (MSP) - Luis Topete," **$275,000**

Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering

Dr. Thais Alves
Lean Construction Institute: "Respect for People - Construction Workers' Mental Wellness Training Material," **$94,560**

Dr. Sahar Ghanipoor Machiani and Dr. Arash Jahangiri
San Diego State University: "Educating Youth on the Dangers of Drunk Driving," **$70,000**

Mechanical Engineering

Dr. George Youssef
Leidos Inc.: "Mechanical Assessment of Standard Mattresses for Naval Applications," **$5,469**

SDSU College of Health and Human Services

Exercise and Nutritional Science

Dr. Mark Kern and Dr. Shirin Hooshmand
ZKxKZ LLC: "Preliminary Characterization Testing of a Portable Metabolic Sensor," **$29,004**

Social Work

Ms. Lori Clarke, Mr. Steve Hornberger, and Dr. Michelle Matter
Kern County Department of Human Services: "Child Welfare System (CWS) Review," **$211,963**

Dr. Eunjeong Ko
California Breast Cancer Research Program: "Financial Navigation to Address Financial Toxicity among Hispanics with Breast Cancer," **$184,054**

Dr. Michelle Matter
The Scan Foundation: "Watch Party: Health Matters," **$2,000**

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Dr. Alyson Mills
Texas Christian University: "Preparing Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) Leaders at the Intersection of Research and Practice in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) and Special Education to Advance the Next Generation of School SLPs (Project INTERSECT)," **$249,127**

SDSU College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

Art Design and History

Professor Annie Buckley
California Department of Corrections: "CARE Grant: Expanding Prison Arts Collective," **$200,001**

Music and Dance

Dr. Kevin Delgado
University of California Office of the President: "Southern Counties California Arts Project (SouthCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 2025-26," **$105,536**

SDSU College of Sciences

Biology

Dr. Rulon Clark
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance: "Behavior and Ecology of Crotalus Ruber, the Red Diamond Rattlesnake," **$15,000**

Dr. Matthew Edwards
San Diego Unified Port District: "The Effect of Sound on Eelgrass," **$179,527**

Dr. Arun Sethuraman
California State University San Marcos: "REU: The Plasticity of Cells, Organisms, and Communities," **$756**

Computer Science

Dr. Xin Zhang
University of Texas El Paso: "Fairness-Aware Multi-Agent Imitation Learning for Equitable Urban Intelligence," **$40,000**

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Dr. Matthew Weingarten
California State University Chico: "Investigation of Agricultural Water Conservation Scenarios on Sustainable Groundwater Management Using the Central Valley Hydrologic Model," **$29,500**

Psychology

Dr. Linda Gallo
Albert Einstein College of Medicine: "New York Regional Center for Diabetes Translation Research," **$101,308**

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: "Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL)," **$1,561,406**

University of California at San Diego: "Identifying Digital Phenotypes of Risk for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias among Hispanics/Latinos," **$70,556**

Dr. Sarah Mattson
University of California at San Diego: "Pilot Project to Identify Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder," **$151,486**

Dr. Jessica McCurley
Albert Einstein College of Medicine: "CAPAZ-2D: Continuous Glucose Monitoring to Augment and Personalize Self-Management of Type 2 Diabetes in Hispanic/Latinx Young Adults," **$50,000**

Dr. Gregory Talavera
Albert Einstein College of Medicine: "Epidemiology of Diet, Metabolism and Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Hispanic/Latino Adults," **$11,137**; and "Vascular Determinants of Stage B HF among Hispanics: The Role of The Heart-Vascular Interaction (Heart-Vascular study)," **$181,232**

University of Minnesota: "Cognitive Aging, Brain Morphology, and Arrhythmias in Hispanics/Latinos: Implications for Prevention and Management of Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias," **$27,111**

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Ms. Trisha Richter
City of San Diego Commission for Arts & Culture: "One Book, One San Diego," **$20,742**

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Dr. Henry Villegas
Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation: "Nourishing Community: Cultivating Food Security, Culture, and Wellness at SDSU-Imperial Valley," **$5,000**

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Academic Affairs

Ms. Lucy Campbell and Mr. Keven Jeffery
Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation: "Enhancing Library Access for Humanities Research," **$12,200**

Dr. John Crockett
U.S. Department of Defense Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC): "Analytical and Technical Support Services from Undergraduate and Graduate Students at Educational Institutions," **$48,012**

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Dr. Bruce Appleyard, Dr. Joshua Chanin, Dr. Katie Crist, Dr. Sahar Ghanipoor Machiani, Dr. Joseph Gibbons, Dr. Arash Jahangiri, and Dr. Madison Swayne
University of New Mexico: "Center for Pedestrian Bicycle Safety," **$325,250**