March 2026
Awards Received
Total: *$9,222,888*

SDSU College of Arts and Letters

Geography

Dr. Hilary McMillan
Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science Inc. (CUAHSI): "Improving the Fidelity of the NextGen National Water Model (NWM) through Process Synthesis across North America," **$20,730**

SDSU College of Education

Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education

Dr. Frank Harris
The RP Group: "Conditions for Completion (C4C) Project," **$50,000**

Dr. Toni Saia
Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development: "Alaska Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA)," **$66,699**

Educational Leadership

Dr. Ian Pumpian and Dr. Caren Sax
San Diego Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled: "Creative Support Alternatives - Supported Living," **$164,478**

Teacher Education

Dr. Nicholas Johnson
San Diego Unified School District: "Young Children's Mathematics - Count, Play, Explore," **$20,000**

SDSU College of Engineering

Aerospace Engineering

Dr. Satchi Venkataraman
Aerospace Corporation: "Design Analyses in Support of Sandwich Structures for Space Applications," **$20,000**

Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering

Dr. Marta Miletic
University of Alabama Birmingham: "SelenoCycle Innovations: Development of a Multimaterial Recycling Process for Nomex-Nylon Filament Production in Lunar Applications," **$49,999**

Dr. Althaf Shajihan and Dr. Robert Dowell
LifeArk: "Full-Scale Seismic Testing of LifeArk Building Units," **$40,961**

Dr. Matthew Verbyla and Dr. Natalie Mladenov
Trussell Technologies: "Biological Activated Carbon (BAC) Pathogen Validation Test," **$13,069**

Dr. Dongye Zhao
Auburn University: "A 'trap-and-zap' Technology for Cost-effective Removal and Destruction of Aqueous-phase per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances at U.S. Department of Defense Sites," **$138,700**

SDSU | College of Health and Human Services

Exercise and Nutritional Science

Dr. Jing Zhao
National Institute of Food & Agriculture: "Data Science for Food and Agricultural Systems (DSFAS)-CIN PARTNERSHIP: Building a Comprehensive Food Protein Database (FoodProt) for Predictive Modeling of Protein Functionalities," **$1,046,500**

Physical Therapy

Dr. Sara Gombatto
University of California at San Diego: "SCH: MS-ADAPT: Multi-Sensor Adaptive Data Analytics for Physical Therapy," **$10,535**

Public Health

Dr. Benjamin Aceves II
Albert Einstein College of Medicine: "Developing a Community-Clinical Linkage Intervention Leveraging Mobile Health Clinics Serving Rural Communities," **$49,980**

Ms. Lisa Asmus and Dr. Corinne McDaniels-Davidson
County of San Diego - District 4: "Evaluation Support Services for Ending the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Epidemic," **$65,600**

Ms. Martha Crowe and Dr. Jennifer Felner
Price Philanthropies Foundation: "Evaluation of United for San Diego Program," **$100,000**

Dr. Erik Storholm
California HIV/AIDS Research Program: "Trans Wealth: An Economic Justice Intervention for Trans and Nonbinary Persons with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)," **$289,900**

Social Work

Dr. Michelle Matter and Mr. Steve Hornberger
City of East Palo Alto: "Senior Services Strategic Assessment and Plan," **$75,000**

Dr. Eileen Pitpitan
Johns Hopkins University: "Project SHIELD: Police Education Partnership to Support Public Health in Kentucky," **$87,267**

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Dr. Giang Pham
University of California at Irvine: "Test of English Language Learners (TELL)," **$231,344**

SDSU College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

Art and Design

Professor Annie Buckley
California Department of Corrections: "Prison Arts Collective: Creative Curatorial Lab (CEN)," **$70,415**; "Prison Arts Collective: Creative Curatorial Lab (SAC)," **$70,415**; and "Prison Arts Collective: Shared Horizons (Murals)," **$66,222**

Professor Annie Buckley and Dr. Kimberly Kras
University of Illinois: "VISTA: Reentry Guide for Incarcerated Scholars," **$4,000**

SDSU College of Sciences

Biology

Dr. Luke Miller
National Science Foundation: "Collaborative Research: Thermal Refuge or Cascading Extinctions: Evaluating the Capacity of Coastal Foundation Species to Mitigate Impacts of Intensifying Heat Waves," **$209,305**

Dr. Teresa Monkkonen
University of California at San Francisco: "Impact of Thirdhand Smoke on Breast Cancer and Autophagy," **$75,000**

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Dr. Juan Hu
National Institute of General Medical Sciences: "Pharmacokinetics-Based DNA-Encoded Library Screening," **$24,899**

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Jerome Giles
U.S. Department of Defense Office of Naval Research: "Physics-based Turbulence Processing. From Simulation to Mitigation," **$35,000**

Psychology

Dr. Aaron Blashill
Case Western Reserve University: "Youth Empowerment and Safety Intervention for Systems-involved Sexual and Gender Minority Youth at Risk of Suicide," **$6,262**

Dr. Keith Horvath
Florida State University: "Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Interventions (ATN) Scientific Leadership Center - Linking Youth to PrEP Services (LYPS)," **$175,995**

Dr. Miguel Villodas
University of California at San Diego: "Exploring Student Support Team Effectiveness in Schools," **$49,988**

kpbs

Ms. Trisha Richter
California HealthCare Foundation: "KPBS Statewide Public Media Support, 2026-2028," **$250,000**

SDSU | Imperial Valley

Dr. Suzanna Fuentes-Ferreiro
AMCO International Education Services, LLC: "English Language Skills (ELS) Certification," **$452,263**

SDSU | Division of Research and Innovation

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," **$102,826**; and "Benthic Microbial Fuel Cell and Hydrokinetic Switching Electronics Study," **$50,000**

Mr. John McMillan
Southwest Border Regional Commission: "SDSU-IV Brawley Equipment Acquisition," **$500,000**

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Dr. Kristen Wells and Dr. Guadalupe Ayala
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities: "SDSU HealthLINK Center for Transdisciplinary Health Disparities Research," **$4,539,536**