May 2026
Awards Received
Total: *$23,829,866*

SDSU College of Arts and Letters

Asian and Pacific Studies

Dr. Hye Kwon
Academy of Korean Studies: "Historicizing K-beauty: Gender, Labor, and Multimedia, Post-1945," **$20,000**

Geography

Dr. Trent Biggs
California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: "Editorial Board Leadership Application to Edit California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment Reports," **$17,950**

Dr. Daniel Sousa
University of California at San Diego: "Graduate Student Support for Go-ship Scientific Research Cruise," **$1,870**

Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures

Dr. Ricardo Vasconcelos
Camoes Institute: "Alvaro de Campos Chair Agreement," **$11,506**

Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD): "Portuguese Language Assessor Agency Project," **$35,145**

SDSU College of Education

Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education

Dr. Toni Saia
Promesa Consulting: "Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA) Washington D.C.," **$55,000**

Child and Family Development

Dr. Kelsey Dickson
National Institute of Mental Health: "Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Trial of an Executive Functioning Intervention for Children's Mental Health Service," **$927,136**

Dr. Sarah Garrity
Price Philanthropies Foundation: "School in the Park Annual Award," **$752,041**

Counseling and School Psychology

Dr. Brent Taylor
Price Philanthropies Foundation: "Price Charities Counseling Program," **$164,557**

Educational Leadership

Dr. Douglas Fisher
Mission Vista Academy: "National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST): Executive Coaching at Mission Vista Academy 2026-2028," **$180,000**

Teacher Education

Dr. Nicholas Johnson
Chula Vista Elementary School District: "Young Children's Mathematics - Chula Vista Elementary School District," **$5,457**

SDSU College of Engineering

Aerospace Engineering

Dr. Gustaaf Jacobs and Dr. Qi Wang
U.S. Department of Defense Air Force Office of Scientific Research: "Inference of Forcing Kernels in Generalized, Multi-Physics, Dynamic Systems," **$172,188**

Dr. Ping Lu
National Aeronautics and Space Administration: "NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC) Guidance, Navigation, and Control Technical Discipline Team Support," **$5,500**

Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering

Dr. Marta Miletic
New Mexico State University: "Research and Education for Artemis Landing (REAL): A Regolith Science Collaborative Initiative for Innovation and Workforce Development," **$62,765**

Dr. Natalie Mladenov
San Diego Coast Keeper: "Binational Resilient Initiative Project," **$10,000**

Virridy: "WW Addition and Coastal Study: Initial Quality Control (QC) Work," **$11,396**

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dr. Sunil Kumar
U.S. Department of Defense Air Force Research Laboratory: "Deep Transfer Learning-based Cognition Engine for Network-Adaptive Waveform Design," **$32,500**

Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Parag Katira
Columbia University: "Identifying the Origin of the Universal Performance Characteristics of Motors," **$10,000**

SDSU College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

Exercise and Nutritional Science

Dr. Amanda McClain
Harvard University: "PROSPECT: Puerto Rico Observational Study of Psychosocial, Environmental, and Chronic Disease Trends," **$34,591**

Dr. Jing Zhao
Southern California Section Institute of Food Technologists: "Litesizer DLS 301 Particle Size Analyzer," **$48,260**

Nursing

Dr. Judy Dye and Dr. Karen Macauley
Policy & Innovation Center "Expanding Access: SDSU/UCSD Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Pipeline for the County of San Diego," **$314,550**

Public Health

Ms. Lisa Asmus
Emory University: "Estimating Population Size and Health Indicators for People Who Inject Drugs in U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas," **$6,020**

Dr. Jerel Calzo
Boston College: "Building Empowerment Program for Individual and Collective (EPIC)-Health: An Empowerment Program for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Students," **$103,005**

Dr. S. Wilton Choi and Dr. Jong-Deuk Baek
California Department of Insurance: "Evaluating the Impact of Medi-Cal and Covered California Expansions on Healthcare Spending, Financing, and Outcomes in California," **$291,095**

Dr. Noe Crespo
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities: "ALIADOS: Advanced Training in Latino Multi-level Intervention reseArch for DOctoral Scholars," **$240,085**

Dr. Shira Goldenberg
University of California at San Diego: "Centering Human Rights in Addressing Sex Workers' Health Inequities," **$15,050**

Dr. Amanda Miller
University of California at San Diego: "Development Core Leadership Trainee," **$51,844**

Dr. Amanda Miller and Dr. Susan Kiene
Merck Pharmaceutical: "Pregnancy to Protection: Enhancing Vaccine Confidence for Lifelong Family Health," **$5,000**

Social Work

Mr. Paul Brazzel
Price Philanthropies Foundation: "Rosa Parks Parent Center," **$276,850**

Dr. Kimberly Giardina
California Department of Social Services: "California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Child Welfare Training 24/25," **$13,385,002**

Dr. Annie Keeney
San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency: "Fostering Academic Success in Education," **$15,750**

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Communication

Dr. Lourdes Martinez
Indiana University: "Investigating Skin Cancer Discourse on Social Media and Crafting Effective Prevention Messages for Adolescents and Young Adults," **$56,757**

Public Affairs

Dr. Madison Swayne
University of California at Berkeley: "Evaluating Community Air Protection Program," **$3,671**

SDSU College of Sciences

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Dr. Jose Castillo and Dr. Karen Campbell
California Department of Conservation: "Surface Expression Risk Assessment Phase II," **$181,197**

Astronomy

Dr. Robert Quimby
Space Telescope Science Institute: "Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Superluminous Supernova Ultraviolet (UV) Legacy Program," **$154,775**

Biology

Dr. Sanford Bernstein
National Institute of General Medical Sciences: "Genetics and Molecular Biology of Striated Muscle Myosin (MERIT extension application)," **$548,562**

Dr. Rulon Clark and Dr. Kinsey Brock
Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation: "CSU Biodiversity Sentinel Site Network," **$16,484**

Dr. Marshal Hedin
National Science Foundation: "Collaborative Research: ARTS: Integrative Revisionary Systematics of Multiple Radiations of Extreme Short-range Endemic Cybaeid Spiders from the California Floristic Province," **$195,343**

Dr. Kevin Hovel
The Nature Conservancy: "Using Ecological Genomics to Advance Eelgrass Restoration in California," **$20,010**

Dr. Megan Jennings
University of California at Berkeley: "Montane Forest Adaptation Webinar Sponsorship," **$6,000**

Dr. Nicholas Shikuma
National Institute of General Medical Sciences: "Examining a Unique Contractile Injection System Mediating Host-Microbe Interactions," **$372,917**

National Science Foundation: "Investigating Conserved Host Pathways Linking Microbial Detection to Development," **$855,892**

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Dr. Laura-Isobel McCall
Baylor School of Medicine: "Mechanisms of Myocarditis and Progressive Cardiac Fibrosis in Chronic Trypanosoma Cruzi Infection," **$139,336**

Dr. Christal Sohl
National Institute of General Medical Sciences: "Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) at San Diego State University," **$523,860**

Dr. Yong Yan
National Institute of General Medical Sciences: "Light-Induced Atroposelective N-Heterocyclization via Chiral Perovskite Nanocrystals," **$376,250**

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Antonio Palacios
University of Maryland: "Complex, Collective Dynamics of Oscillator Systems with Disordered Parameters," **$128,066**

Psychology

Dr. Delwyn Catley
University of Kansas Medical Center: "Cooking Skills to Improve Long-term Weight Loss in Young Adults with Intellectual Disabilities (Chef-Boy ID)," **$33,134**

Dr. Keith Horvath
University of California at San Francisco: "Developing a U.S. National Cohort to Improve Virologic Suppression among Stimulant-using Men Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)," **$131,885**

Dr. Sarah Mattson
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism: "Assessment of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Using Novel Web-Based Tools," **$483,833**

Dr. Edward Riley
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism: "Administrative Resource of the Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (CIFASD)," **$515,415**; and "Alcohol Research in the Science/Practitioner Model," **$537,233**

Dr. Vanessa Robin Weersing
National Institute of Mental Health: "Behavioral Telehealth in Low-resource Primary Care Settings for Anxiety and Depression in Youth: A Randomized Effectiveness-implementation Study," **$932,559**

Dr. Jillian Wiggins
National Institute of Mental Health: "IPA - Intergovernmental Personnel Act Program," **$15,376**

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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," **$28,763**

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Dr. José Castillo, Dr. Ricardo Carretero, Dr. Efstathios Charalampidis, Dr. Miguel Dumett Canales, and Dr. Christopher Paolini
U.S. Department of Energy: "Building Capacity for Novel High-Temperature Plasma Research at San Diego State University," **$210,435**

Dr. Kristen Wells and Dr. Susan Kiene
University of California at Los Angeles: "Share, Trust, Organize, Partner: The COVID-19 California Alliance (STOP COVID-19 CA) - Phase 3," **$100,000**