June 2026
Awards Received
Total: *$33,069,693*

SDSU College of Arts and Letters

Office of the Dean

Dr. Todd Butler and Dr. Aileen Taylor-Grant
Modern Language Association: "College of Arts and Letters (CAL) Advance: Second Year Pathways," **$10,000**

Chicana and Chicano Studies

Dr. Natalie Santizo
Institute for Citizens & Scholars: "Mexican Foodways in the San Gabriel Valley: Regional Identity and Placemaking in El Monte, Baldwin Park, and La Puente, California, 1890 to 1950," **$35,000**

Geography

Dr. Daniel Sousa
National Aeronautics and Space Administration: "Southern California-based Field and Analytic Support for Pre-, Active-, and Post-Fire Characterization," **$115,000**

University of California at Santa Barbara: "Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Characterization and Risk," **$51,596**

History

Dr. Edward Blum
Center for the Study of Federalism (CSF): "A Republic that Counts: Numerical Information and Origins of American Federalism," **$11,600**

Dr. David Cline
California State Library: "State Archives Oral History Project," **$25,000**

SDSU College of Education

Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education

Dr. Charles Degeneffe
San Diego State University: "Technical and Administrative Support Services for the Master of Science (MS) Rehabilitation Counseling - Consortium for Distance Education in Rehabilitation (CDER) Degree Program," **$119,827**

Dr. Caren Sax
California Department of Developmental Services: "Exceptional Family Resource Center Plan 2025 to 2027," **$323,716**

Heluna Health: "Community Navigator Project," **$348,852**

Poway Unified School District: "Exceptional Family Resource Center (EFRC) Poway Alternative Dispute Resolution 25/26," **$13,000**

San Diego County Office of Education: "Exceptional Family Resource Center (EFRC) Resolutions for Student Success 25/26," **$62,000**; and "East County - High-Quality Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) 25/26," **$50,000**

San Diego/Imperial Counties Developmental Services Inc.: "San Diego Regional Center (SDRC) - Vietnamese 26/27," **$44,000**; and "San Diego Regional Center (SDRC) California Early Start (CES) Point of Entry (POE) 26/27," **$167,145**

Child and Family Development

Dr. Lisa Linder
San Diego Unified School District: "San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) School-Based Therapeutic Services (FTE)," **$840,000**

Educational Leadership

Dr. Douglas Fisher
Vista Unified School District: "National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST): California Administrative Services Clear Credential Program at Vista Unified 2025-2027," **$27,500**

Dr. Ian Pumpian and Dr. Caren Sax
San Diego Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled: "Creative Support Alternatives - Supported Living," **$209,627**

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," **$172,477**

Dr. Ping Lu
National Aeronautics and Space Administration: "Autonomous End-to-End Trajectory Planning and Guidance for Constrained Entry and Precision Powered Descent by Unified Optimization Theory," **$24,000**; and "National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Engineering and Safety Center (NESC) Guidance, Navigation, and Control Technical Discipline Team Support," **$6,000**

Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering

Dr. Robert Dowell
California Department of Transportation: "Damage to Ends of Precast, Prestressed Concrete Bridge Girders (California Bulb-Tee) from Seismic Impact," **$195,389**

Dr. Robert Dowell and Dr. Gloria Faraone
California Department of Transportation: "Primary Vertical Rebar Cutoffs for Reinforced Concrete (RC) Bridge Columns," **$188,123**

Dr. Gloria Faraone
GridWrap, Inc.: "Structural Testing of 24 Wood Telephone/Utility Poles Damaged by Fire and Wrapped with Carbon Fiber Sheets for Strengthening," **$5,656**

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dr. Christopher Paolini
Department of California Highway Patrol: "Testing Services for Police Traffic Radar and Laser Speed Measuring Devices," **$249,999**

Mechanical Engineering

Dr. George Youssef
U.S. Department of Defense Office of Naval Research: "Agile In-operando Nondestructive Evaluation during Additive Manufacturing of Naval Composite Materials," **$75,000**

SDSU | College of Health and Human Services

Office of the Dean

Dr. Amy Bonomi
San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency: "San Diego County Regional Health and Human Services Workforce Initiative," **$118,750**

Exercise and Nutritional Science

Dr. Matthew Mahar
National Academy of Kinesiology: "Kinesiology Doctoral Program Evaluation," **$12,000**

Nursing

Dr. Karen Macauley
California Department of Health Care Services: "Imperial County Health Professions Pathway Program (ICHPPP)," **$499,933**

Physical Therapy

Dr. Sara Gombatto
Tighties: "Tighties Stabilizer Tight - Motion Analysis and Electromyography (EMG) Study," **$500**

Public Health

Dr. Jerel Calzo
California Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program: "Factors Related to Tobacco-cannabis Co-use among California Sexual and Gender Minority Adolescents," **$50,188**

Dr. Noe Crespo
Texas A & M University Research Foundation: "A Community-Centered Laboratory for the Research and Design of Socially Astute Epidemic Readiness," **$8,837**

Dr. Elana Elkin
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: "Toxic Effects of Trichloroethylene and its Metabolite on Placental Cells at the Maternal-fetal Interface," **$176,243**

Dr. Jennifer Felner
California Tobacco- Related Disease Research Program: "Confronting Tobacco-related Health Disparities among Spanish-preferring Latinos in California," **$50,611**

Dr. Eyal Oren
California Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program: "Evaluation of California Tobacco Control Policies and Their Influence among Youth in California (G. Apollon)," **$45,470**

Dr. Paula Stigler Granados
The San Diego Foundation: "Healing the Watershed: A Binational Healthcare Provider Education Series on Tijuana River Valley Health," **$49,926**

Dr. Erik Storholm
National Institute of Mental Health: "Intimate Partner Violence and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Continuum Engagement among Populations Most Affected by HIV in the United States," **$606,081**

Ms. Kanako Sturgis
The Children's Initiative: "Children, Youth and Families' Health and Wellbeing Data Tools," **$45,000**

Social Work

Dr. Kimberly Giardina
California Department of Social Services: "California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Adult Protective Services (APS) 26/27," **$3,350,400**

County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services: "Riverside County FY 26/27," **$760,726**

County of San Diego Child Welfare Services: "San Diego (SD) Coaching, Training, and Evaluation 26/27," **$1,112,944**

San Bernardino County Children and Family Services: "San Bernardino (SB) Children and Family Services FY 26/27," **$2,928,515**

San Diego County Behavioral Health Services: "Cultural Competence Academy FY 26-27," **$493,891**

Dr. Jong-Won Min
California Department of Health Services: "Master of Social Work (MSW) Program Expansion," **$641,200**

San Diego County Alcohol and Drug Services: "Driving Under the Influence Program (DUIP) 2026-27," **$3,140,847**

Dr. Eileen Pitpitan
University of California at San Diego: "San Diego Center for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Research (SD CFAR)," **$76,796**

Dr. María Zúñiga, Dr. Eileen Pitpitan, Dr. Mark Reed, and Dr. Lauren Willner
National Cancer Institute: "SDSU FUERTE: Faculty United towards Excellence in Research and Transformational Engagement," **$180,600**

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Dr. Laura Coco
National Institute on Deafness/Other Communication Disorders: "Oidos Protegidos: Preventing Noise Exposure in Farmworkers," **$211,119**

Dr. Stephanie Ries-Cornou
National Science Foundation: "CAREER: Uncovering the Neural Dynamics of Speech Monitoring Processes during Language Production – Supplement," **$41,552**

Dr. Corinne McDaniels-Davidson
County of San Diego - District 4: "Evaluation Support Services: High Impact Prevention and Surveillance Programs," **$38,800**

SDSU College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

Art and Design

Professor Annie Buckley
California Arts Council: "Prison Arts Collective Arts in Corrections (AiC) (2026-28)," **$3,128,193**

California Department of Corrections: "Prison Arts Collective: Creative Curatorial Lab (CEN)," **$70,323**; "Prison Arts Collective: Creative Curatorial Lab (SAC)," **$70,323**; and "Prison Arts Collective: Shared Horizons (Murals)," **$66,136**

Public Affairs

Dr. Madison Swayne
Texas Southern University: "Analysis of the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Funding Pre- and Post-Hurricane Harvey," **$48,852**

SDSU College of Sciences

Office of the Dean

Dr. Estralita Martin
CSU Sacramento University Enterprises Inc.: "CSU Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Pathways & Research Alliance (CSU-SPaRA)," **$30,000**

Biology

Dr. Svasti Haricharan
National Cancer Institute: "Regulation of the Tumor Microenvironment by Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Damage Repair Proteins," **$440,825**

U.S. Department of Defense U.S. Army: "Mismatch Repair Loss as a Therapeutic Vulnerability in ER+/HER2- Breast Cancer," **$951,357**

Dr. Rebecca Lewison
California Department of Fish and Wildlife: "Identifying Drivers of California Least Tern Reproductive Output to Support Population Recovery," **$80,422**

University of California at San Diego: "Potential Interactions Between Offshore Wind Energy Development, Pulse Oceanographic Events, and the Movement of Highly Migratory Species in the California Current Ecosystem," **$50,000**

Dr. Nicholas Shikuma
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: "Leveraging Hydroides Elegans to Uncover NfKb Pathway Roles in Innate Immune Discrimination," **$40,590**

Dr. Donatella Zona
National Science Foundation: "Demobilization," **$63,803**

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Dr. Rees Garmann
Regents of the University of California: ""Mirror" Cloaking of Therapeutic Payloads," **$93,595**

Dr. Gregory Holland
C1iN Corporation: "Molecular-Level Characterization of Microbial C1-Melanin," **$82,057**

Dr. Tom Huxford
California Metabolic Research Foundation: "Arne N. Wick Predoctoral Research Fellowship - Nino Mamasakhlisi," **$56,908**; and "Enzyme Regulation, Lipid and Carbohydrate Metabolism," **$159,080**

Dr. Laura-Isobel McCall
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: "Deciphering the Mechanism of Action of Carnitine, a Novel Treatment for Chronic Chagas Disease," **$527,460**

Dr. Christal Sohl
National Institute of General Medical Sciences: "Isocitrate Dehydrogenase (IDH) Mutations as Drivers of Organelle Stress and Dysfunction," **$395,448**

Computer Science

Dr. Robert Beverly
National Science Foundation: "Cybersecurity Innovation for Cyberinfrastructure (CICI): Reference Scientific Security Datasets (RSSD): Cyberinfrastructure Robustness Understanding Through Data eXtraction (CRUX)," **$599,880**

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Richard Levine
University of California at Santa Barbara: "Southern California Consortium for Data Science," **$30,240**

Dr. Chris Rasmussen
San Jose State University Foundation: "Developing Virtual Reality-Mediated Representational Tools for Supporting and Enhancing Deep Mathematical Understanding of Linear Algebra Relationships," **$750**

Psychology

Dr. Elva Arredondo
University of Arizona: "Community Partnership for Telehealth Solutions to Counter Misinformation and Achieve Equity (PRIME)," **$121,902**

Dr. Ruth Carper
Autism Speaks: "Cerebellar Involvement in Aging and Neurodegeneration Trajectories in Autistic Adults," **$80,000**

Dr. Linda Gallo
Scripps Research Institute: "Scripps Clinical and Translational Science Hub," **$134,804**

University of California at Davis: "Longitudinal Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Measures of Cerebrovascular Injury and Alzheimer's Disease Atrophy in a Study of Latinos (SOL-INCA-MRI Long)," **$423,792**

Dr. Kathleen Goggin
University of Kansas: "Implementing and Evaluating the Cancer Tracking System (CATSystem): A Systems Level Intervention to Improve Cervical Cancer Screening, Treatment Referral and Follow-up in Kenya," **$5,000**

Dr. Georg Matt
California Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program: "The Impact of Local Smokefree Outdoor Policies on Tobacco Product Waste," **$451,160**

Dr. Sarah Mattson
University of California at San Diego: "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Diagnostic Telemedicine Resource," **$64,378**

Dr. Jennifer Thomas
University of California at San Diego: "Cannabidiol Use During Pregnancy: Safety and Risk for the Developing Fetus," **$150,000**

Dr. Miguel Villodas
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: "SleepSMART for Veterans with Insomnia and Mild Cognitive Impairment: A Randomized Clinical Trial," **$42,514**

Dr. Jillian Wiggins
National Institute of Mental Health: "Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Program," **$10,252**

kpbs

Ms. Trisha Richter
San Diego State University: "KPBS MACP Funding: Training Fellowship, Engagement, Marketing, Programming, Development," **$2,087,000**

The Irwin and Joan Jacobs Foundation: "Public Matters," **$1,000,000**

SDSU | Global Campus

Dr. Ian Gibson
Beijing Hecate Center of Cultural Communication: "2025 Summer," **$1,535**; and "2026 Spring," **$45,390**

Hokkaido University: "2026 Spring," **$4,605**

Kansai Gaidai University: "2025 Fall," **$13,932**; and "2026 Spring," **$28,914**

OvECS Ltd.: "2025 Fall," **$10,700**

Ryugaku Journal: "2025 Fall," **$13,600**

SJC Global Education Consulting: "2025 Summer," **$4,080**; and "2026 Spring," **$21,760**

ThriveDX: "Cybersecurity Bootcamp," **$183,741**

Tokai University: "2025 Fall," **$3,672**

Uhakga: "2025 Fall," **$16,005**; and "2026 Spring," **$39,835**

SDSU | Imperial Valley

Dr. Kai-Chung Cheng
California Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program: "Laboratory Evaluations of Commercial Vape Detectors and Consumer Air Monitors in Identifying Vaping," **$373,170**

Dr. Sungjin Lee
Volcker Alliance: "When Federal Capacity Declines: How States Absorb, Adapt, or Lose Administrative Capacity in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)," **$5,000**

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," **$70,979**; and "Benthic Microbial Fuel Cell and Hydrokinetic Switching Electronics Study," **$100,000**

U.S. Department of the Interior United States Geological Survey: "California Water Science Center and Ecological Research Center," **$1,385,111**

SDSU | Student Affairs and Campus Diversity

Dr. Noël Bezette
California Department of Rehabilitation: "San Diego State University WorkAbility IV," **$110,400**

Dr. James Lange
The Ohio State University: "Collegiate Impaired Driving Learning Collaborative (CIDLC)," **$28,964**

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Dr. Edward Blum, Dr. Devanshi Hilsabeck, and Dr. Megan Welsh
Jack Miller Center: "The Work of Self-Government: A Year-Long Examination of the Declaration of Independence and its Value Today," **$10,000**

Dr. Madison Swayne and Dr. Jessica Barlow
California EPA Toxic Substances Control Department: "Statewide Inventory of Brownfields in California," **$80,000**

Dr. Jose Castillo and Dr. Christopher Paolini
General Atomics Corporation: "Dataset Generation with General Atomics PROBE_G Files," **$50,000**

Dr. Iana Castro, Dr. Amanda McClain, Dr. Atsushi Narai, Dr. Madison Swayne, and Dr. Shiloh Williams
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities: "Improving Health Outcomes and Advancing Health Equity in Imperial County Rural Communities through Increasing Healthy Food Access," **$899,820**