San Diego State University
Research Foundation

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2016-17
The X-ray crystal structure of QueF-L from the thermophilic crenarchaeon Pyrobaculum calidifontis. QueF-L is an ancient enzyme that catalyzes the last step in the biosynthesis of archaeosine, a modified nucleoside necessary for the structural stability of tRNA in Archaea. The reaction catalyzed by QueF-L, the amidation of nitrile to formamidine, is unprecedented in Biology. The enzyme is built from 10 identical subunits arranged around a tunnel, and provides a scaffold for the binding of tRNA at the interfaces between subunits. The remarkable structural similarity but functional divergence of QueF-L from the nitrile reductase QueF highlights the power of molecular evolution in the emergence of new chemistry in nature.

**Principal Investigator:** Dr. Manal Swairjo, chemistry and biochemistry

Professor Swairjo’s work helps us better understand how genes evolved to make life forms what they are today, and allows us to discover new ways to fight infectious diseases and improve the environment. Her research is supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the National Science Foundation.
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INTRODUCTION

The SDSU Research Foundation management team is pleased to present this report highlighting fiscal year 2016-17 activities and accomplishments.

First, our congratulations go to the SDSU faculty and staff who received 783 awards and $134.3 million to support their research last year – an increase of 3.4% over the previous year. Their continued success in a challenging federal budget environment is impressive. We are proud to support their work.

This report is organized into these sections:

I  Board of Directors and Management
II  Highlights
III  By the Numbers (volume indicators/charts and graphs)
IV  Staff Activities and Events

I. Board of Directors and Management

Incorporated in 1943, SDSU Research Foundation is an auxiliary organization of San Diego State University. Authorized by California’s Education Code and governed by a board composed of SDSU administration/faculty/staff and community members, the research foundation exists to serve and support SDSU.

The management team guides the organization and is led by associate vice president/executive director Michele Goetz and three associate executive directors of: finance and operations (Leslie Levinson); information systems (Rachel Raynoha); and human resources/facilities (Bob Blizinski). Tim Hushen, associate executive director for research advancement, reports to the vice president for research and continues to serve as an important liaison between the research foundation and the vice president’s office.

The team works closely with SDSU’s vice president for business and financial affairs and vice president for research to set policies, manage resources and guide the efforts of a dedicated staff who seek to facilitate the work of SDSU researchers.
Board of Directors

The principal function of the board is to establish policies and to guide the research foundation in achieving its objectives. SDSU’s president serves as president of the board and is charged with ensuring that research foundation policies and functions conform to the policies of The California State University board of trustees and San Diego State University.

Board composition

Five ex-officio directors: the President, the Provost, the VP for Research, the VP for Business & Financial Affairs, and the Associated Students President; four SDSU faculty members recommended by the University Senate and elected for four-year terms; and eight individuals, five of whom are “public” members from the community, nominated by the president and elected for three-year terms.

The FY 2016-17 board was composed of the following members (five ex officio; seven faculty; and five community directors). The FY 2017-18 board will be elected on September 29, 2017.

**FY 2016-17 Board of Directors**

**Dr. Elliot Hirshman**  
PRESIDENT  
President, SDSU

**Dr. Stephen Welter**  
VICE PRESIDENT  
Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Affairs, SDSU

**Mr. Tom McCarron**  
TREASURER  
Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs and CFO, SDSU

**Dr. Karen Emmorey**  
SECRETARY  
Professor of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, SDSU

**Dr. Guadalupe Ayala**  
Associate Dean and Professor, Graduate School of Public Health, SDSU

**Dr. Kim Barrett**  
Professor of Medicine and Dean of Graduate Studies  
University of California, San Diego

**Mr. William Brack**  
Retired, Self-Employed Financial Consultant

**Ms. Paula Brock**  
Chief Financial Officer  
Zoological Society of San Diego

**Ms. Vickie Capps**  
Certified Public Accountant

**Dr. Chukuka S. Enwemeka**  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, SDSU

**Dr. Craig Hauser**  
Vice President for Scientific Resources  
Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute

**Dr. Samuel Kassegne**  
Professor of Mechanical Engineering, SDSU

**Dr. Mary Ann Lyman-Hager**  
Professor of European Studies, SDSU

**Ms. Jamie Miller**  
President, Associated Students

**Dr. Randolph Philipp**  
Professor of Mathematics Education, School of Teacher Education and Center for Research in Math and Science Education (CRMSE), SDSU

**Dr. Ming-Hsiang Tsou**  
Professor of Geography, SDSU

**Dr. Robert Zeller**  
Professor of Biology, SDSU
Board Updates
Board members participate in various ways including establishing policies and serving on the audit and finance and investment committees; approving the annual budget and overseeing adherence to it; ensuring proper financial controls are in place; authorizing the selection of the independent audit firm; ensuring investment policies are followed; and ensuring compliance with laws and regulations. We provide firsthand knowledge of the important research we support to the board by 1) including PI presentations at our meetings; and 2) hosting meetings at various locations. Last year, the following researchers shared their work with our board: William Zahner (mathematics), Todd Anderson (biology), Georg Matt (psychology) and Gale Etschmaier (library).

The December board meeting was held at the Coastal and Marine Institute Laboratory. Dr. Todd Anderson described the research taking place at this unique indoor/outdoor research facility and lab manager Renee Dolecal led a tour.

The May board meeting was held in the University Club in Manchester Hall. It included a resolution of appreciation for President Elliot Hirshman, a presentation by library dean Gale Etschmaier and a tour of Special Collections which houses rare and valuable books, periodicals, manuscripts and documents that
require preservation, security and care in handling.

Management Updates

CFO - Leslie Levinson. During the 2015-16 year, SDSURF entered into an agreement with The Campanile Foundation to share a CFO for ten months of the year. This shared service model provided short-term savings for both organizations and the opportunity to enhance our knowledge of and relationship with The Campanile Foundation. During the 2016-17 year, the CFO transitioned to SDSURF full time.

Rachel Raynoha, formerly director of computing services, was appointed associate executive director for information systems, reflecting the importance of technology in our daily work lives and in our future business plans. Rachel has been with the research foundation for 19 years and will continue to play a critical role in setting and implementing the vision for automation of our systems and improvement of our processes. She also serves as an important partner/liaison with the university IT management team.
Information Systems. The computing services department was renamed Information Systems to reflect the breadth of services provided. The department has been organized into three teams: Network Operations & Infrastructure; Programming & Development; and Enterprise Information Systems.

New Director of Accounting and Reporting. Vicky Kern was promoted to this position, which coordinates the annual financial and single audits. She is a C.P.A. with over 25 years of accounting experience, primarily with nonprofit organizations and mid-sized public corporations. Vicky received her bachelor’s degree from UCSD and an M.S. from SDSU's school of accountancy.

Organizational Restructure. A restructure during FY 2016-17 eliminated/reallocated two senior management positions (associate executive director of facilities and associate executive director of sponsored research services) to add staff positions that provide direct services to researchers. By reducing the management team, we were able to add a senior facilities planning manager, a proposal development specialist, two grant coordinator positions (one new/one upgrade to a vacant position) and a payroll technician, enhancing day-to-day services for SDSU researchers.
II. Highlights

Fiscal Stability

BUDGET
We have made substantial progress in improving our financial viability and were able to finish the fiscal year adding resources back into reserves.

After several challenging years, the 2015-16 budget outlook began a positive trend. The following key indicators for 2016-17 point to a continued positive budget forecast:

- SDSU faculty received $134.3 million in awards – a 3.4% increase.
- The number of proposals submitted increased from 1025 to 1194.
- The number of awards received increased from 707 to 783.
- Awards pending increased 25% over the previous year.
- Revenue increased slightly from $115M in 2016 to $117M in 2017.
- NSF awards increased in number of dollars (19% increase) and number of awards (72% increase).

The university’s $3.7 million investment in research programs and infrastructure included support for research equipment, Areas of Excellence, the Summer Undergraduate Research program, facilities and equipment renovations, matching grants, assigned time for faculty, bridge support, supplemental graduate fellowship support and other direct support for faculty research.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
A number of cost-savings measures were implemented during the 2016-17 year which helped to improve our financial position as well as the services we provide.

Conversion of banking services to a new service provider resulted in the following:

- Reduction in bank fees - $100,000 savings annually
- Reduction in loan fees for the working capital line of credit - $20,000 annually
- Reduction in short-term investment fees - $35,000 savings annually
- Bank activity for KPBS and TCF is now processed in their individual bank accounts.
- Provided banking access to KPBS and TCF personnel to facilitate timely accounting for transactions and improved service
- KPBS lock box fees are estimated to decrease approximately $1,000 per month with the conversion.

Ground Lease with Capstone Developers. Finalized a ground lease with Capstone Developers to develop a student housing project. This project eliminated approximately $2 million of debt on the research foundation’s books for the property, will create a long-term income stream, and will provide beds in support of the Sophomore Housing Initiative.
Relocation of SDSURF computer servers to the university data center avoided investments in HVAC and UPS systems, saving $200,000 and providing a reliable back-up system in the event of a power outage. This is another example of “shared services” which benefit both the university and research foundation.

THE MIDNIGHT MOVE

Sale of Alameda Property. In 1996, Donald and Darlene Shiley donated the leasehold interest of a three-story, two-building, 15,682 rentable square foot office complex located at 2447-2449 Santa Clara Avenue, in Alameda, California. The property was donated to the research foundation on behalf of KPBS. In March 2017, the larger building was sold with net proceeds of $1.4M; the smaller building was on a ground lease and reverted back to the landowner. Proceeds from the sale will benefit KPBS programs.

Management will continue to focus on identifying savings to reduce the need for SDSU’s generous waiver of cost reimbursements.
Research Support

**RSF distribution.** Research Support Funds were funded at 100% last year. $2.7 million was provided to deans and principal investigators to support new proposal development and ongoing externally-funded programs.

**New Faculty.** SDSURF staff work closely with new faculty from the time they arrive on campus to acquaint them with grant-related services and to learn about their research programs. As of June 30, 2017, 25 of the 52 new faculty members who joined SDSU in 2016-17 had submitted 39 proposals. Fifteen new faculty members received 24 awards totaling more than $2 million ($304,000 in F&A).

**Faculty Recruitments.** Research foundation staff participated in several university searches, meeting with more than 20 candidates who were being recruited for the fall 2017-18 academic year. This process allows potential new hires to understand the services and support they would receive as members of the SDSU research community.

**Training.** 17 workshops and 12 webinars were offered last year, including a special NIH “K Award” seminar, featuring SDSU K Award recipients from the colleges of health, education and sciences.

SDSU recipients of the prestigious K award shared their experience and advice at a spring workshop. From left: Jerel Calzo (GSPH), Inna Fishman (psychology), Eileen Moore (psychology) and Jessica Suhrheinrich (special education)

AP supervisor Gina Sullivan hosted an accounts payable workshop
GREW. The Grants and Research Enterprise Writing (GREW) fellowship program is in its fourth year of supporting new faculty in the development of their research programs. Of the 83 participants who have participated, more than 80% (69) have submitted at least one proposal, with 428 proposals in total submitted by GREW fellows. GREW fellows have received a 137 new awards totaling $19M, generating $3.7M in F&A.

Dr. John Crockett (second from left) with GREW Fellows at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington DC
From left: Nicholas Shikuma (biology), Sara Gombatto (physical therapy), Sahar Ghanipoor Machiani (civil, construction, and environmental engineering) and Xianfeng (Terry) Yang (civil, construction, and environmental engineering)

The fall 2016 GREW cohort (from back left): Ryan Abman (economics), Sonja Pruitt-Lord (speech language and hearing sciences), Joaquin Camacho (mechanical engineering), Xiaofeng Xu (biology), Violet Bumah (college of sciences dean’s office), John Crockett (research advancement), Allison Vaughn (psychology); front: Caroline Thompson (public health), Mingan Yang (public health), Hilary McMillan (geography), Congcong Zheng (management), and Changqi Liu (exercise and nutritional sciences)
Enhanced Service Initiatives

We continue to focus on automation as an important component of reducing costs and enhancing services. Successful automation initiatives implemented during the 2016-17 year include:

New Website. A new SDSURF website was launched, which provides a user-centric approach to accessing research foundation information and a new format that is more visually appealing and descriptive of our organization. Faculty and project staff provided feedback and recommendations during the process, which helped us design a site that would meet their needs.
Electronic Personnel Action (E-PAS). The E-PAS functionality in PI Profile automates over 60 job change workflows. PIs can easily query active employees and job appointments in PI Profile, initiate and/or approve personnel changes such as ending or extending positions or changing funding source. Electronic routing and approvals and built-in error checking reduce processing time from days to hours, reduce error rates and should reduce the need for late payroll adjustments. It is also easier for the deans’ offices to approve and track faculty overload. Phase II of this initiative is underway and will focus on streamlining and automating the data feeds into our HR information systems – further reducing manual data entry.

Electronic Fixed Asset Inventory. The fixed asset inventory process was automated through PI Profile allowing designated asset custodians to easily complete biennial physical inventories required by federal regulations. The new on-line system replaced paper-based processes, saves both custodians and the fixed assets administrator time and helps improve the accuracy of the asset inventory.

Automated Data Feed from InfoEd to Banner. A new program was developed that automatically processes proposal data from the InfoEd proposal development system and imports it into the Banner finance system for post-award administration, saving approximately 900 hours of time spent on manual data entry per year.

Standardized Budget Development Tool. Creation of a standardized budget development spreadsheet and submission system for the research foundation budget process saved budget managers/directors significant time in the preparation process, ensured greater accuracy of projections and reduced the time needed for review by the Executive Director and CFO.

Implemented Jellyvision’s ALEX product. This online, interactive decision-making tool helps newly benefited employees learn more about their plans and benefit choices, facilitating the onboarding process for new employees.

University Partnerships/Collaborations

SDSU Research Foundation staff work with their university colleagues to further SDSU’s mission and to address objectives and issues in their respective units. Collaborations take many forms, but all ultimately support SDSU’s research and creative endeavors.

College of Extended Studies (CES) Accounting Structure. SDSURF implemented a new accounting structure for CES effective July 1, 2017. Changes in SDSU and SDSURF structures lay a foundation for consolidated financial reporting, supporting CES initiatives to streamline reporting and support data-driven decision making. SDSURF management and staff worked with CES to develop a new chart of accounts, assisted with their accounting process conversion and facilitated trainings with CES managers to ensure clear understanding of the new process.

Revised Invoicing Process for KPBS. Elimination of the double entry of KPBS invoices and application of cash saved time for KPBS and SDSURF.
**Enhanced Scholarship and Endowment Reporting for The Campanile Foundation.** Developed seven new reports for TCF fund administrators that significantly streamlined the reconciliation and data review process of financial endowment reports. The reconciliation process is now easier and can be done on a quarterly basis instead of annually, providing better stewardship to donors.

**TCF Gift Feed.** The feed was re-programmed to post full gift amounts and then charge the TCF fee (versus posting gift net of fee), creating greater transparency for tracking purposes for end users and TCF staff.

**SDSUId.** Implemented data feeds with SDSU business information systems to provision/de-provision PeopleSoft POI, and enroll research foundation employees in SDSUid. This supports the university IT initiative for establishing a common user identity that can be leveraged by systems across the university.

**Data Sharing with Research Affairs.** Enabled SDSURF staff to have direct access to read data in the InfoEd IRB module, streamlining the awards process and allowing individuals in both departments to work more efficiently. This also expedites the processing of awards so researchers can access their grant funds more quickly.

**Discovery Slams.** SDSU Research Foundation joins with Vice President Welter and Dean Maloy to co-host these monthly meetings which highlight the work of SDSU researchers.
2015-16 Research Highlights. The 2015-16 Research Highlights brochure was prepared in collaboration with Vice President Welter. It spotlights the important research taking place at SDSU.

The Adams Endowment. The John and Jane Adams Endowment was established in 1994 by then emeritus dean of humanities John Adams to support humanities education. Small “mini-grants” were awarded annually to projects that enhanced the extracurricular experience for students in the humanities. Dr. Adams later identified a small group of programs he wished to continue supporting after his passing. The following programs are currently supported: Humanities Lecture Series (PI: Risa Levitt Kohn, classics and humanities); Oral History project (Robert Ray, library and information access); Music Project (Marian Liebowitz, music and dance); Border Voices (Jack Webb, college of arts and letters); and MALAS (Bill Nericcio, college of arts and letters). In recent years, remaining funds have been allocated to 1) the University Grants Program to support humanities proposals; and 2) international student travel. The Adams Endowment Committee meets annually to review program reports and requests for continuing funding.

The Adams Endowment Committee: associate executive director of research advancement Tim Hushen, SDSURF communications director Debbie Brighton (staff), Provost Chukuka S. Enwemeka, retired SDSU director of planned giving Tricia Moulton, and SDSURF director of finance Teresa Loren
FACILITIES

The research foundation continues to identify, acquire, renovate, manage and maintain space in support of university research programs.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

All-Gender Restrooms: Keeping in line with the research foundation’s efforts to provide accessible, all-gender restrooms in close proximity to its research centers, a new all-gender restroom facility was constructed at the Sky Park facility, as part of a larger full accessibility renovation to the common area lobby restrooms.

LEASE NEGOTIATIONS

In fiscal year 2016-17, the research foundation executed 32 lease agreements, lease renewals and space usage agreements projecting a total income value of $4.6 million over their terms. This included leases for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, American Language Institute (ALI) and the Field Stations.

IMPROVING RESEARCH LABS AND OFFICES

Our facilities team works with principal investigators to identify space for their projects and then manages any required construction and modifications. Examples of improvements made in the 2016-17 year follow.

Dr. David Marx, CRMSE. Dr. David Marx has expanded his research to a new 930 SF suite at 6475 Alvarado Road. Modifications to this space include construction renovations from a medical suite to office use and open conferencing. Dr. Marx’s research addresses gender-based differences in STEM education and workforce participation which will lead to a larger and more diverse domestic STEM workforce.

Dr. Marx and his new conference room
**Dr. Nada Kassem, Public Health.** Dr. Kassem was relocated to 9245 Sky Park Court to 1,353 square feet that accommodates her study on Hookah smoke and its effects on smokers and non-smokers.

**Dr. Mary Ann Lyman-Hager, LARC.** To support the Language Acquisition Resource Center (LARC) program, one large training room was built out at 6495 Alvarado Road and the space at 6505 Alvarado Road was remodeled to provide two larger training rooms, maximizing their space and functionality in support of their programs.

**Dr. Emily Kappenman, Psychology.** Dr. Kappenman studies cognition and emotion and their interactions in healthy adults and adults with psychological disorders. Improvements to her 1,549 SF space at 6363 Alvarado Court include an EEG lab and several offices.

**Dr. Stephanie Ries, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences.** Dr. Ries is a new researcher with the College of Health and Human Services. The new 914 square foot space at 6495 Alvarado Court includes an EEG lab, sound booth and offices.

**Alvarado Research Patio.** The research foundation recently completed an outdoor patio at 6505 Alvarado Road for use as a common congregation site for researchers at the Alvarado complex, providing an outdoor space where members, affiliates and others at SDSU could meet and interact in an informal context to discuss, collaborate, and foster further research.
GATEWAY CENTER CHANGES

The research foundation is in the process of reconfiguring various cubicles and offices to accommodate recent changes to staffing structures, by maximizing space and creating departmental adjacencies to increase operational efficiencies. The changes began toward the end of FY 2017 with temporary relocations and consolidations of staff, and are anticipated to continue through FY 2018.

The third and fourth floors of the Gateway Center were given a much-needed refresh, including new paint and additional wall space in the executive office to highlight the research we support.

Executive office

FACILITIES SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

In addition to space improvements, the following improvements were made last year to facilities systems and processes:

- Incorporated SDSURF properties into SDG&E Enterprise system, allowing us to track detailed usage and expense parameters. As a result, we’re exploring new time of use account options for cost savings, with the goal of mitigating recent rate increases.
- Developed a draft lifecycle analysis, assessing major building components (e.g. HVAC unit, roofs, elevators) for tracking deferred maintenance and developing future budget strategies.
- Developed HVAC standards to establish a set level of requirements, in both construction and operations, to reduce the incidence of multiple service visits and repairs, as well as ensure our systems are utilized efficiently to manage electrical usage.
III. By the Numbers (Volume Indicators/Charts and Graphs)

**SDSU RESEARCH FOUNDATION**
**FY 2015, 2016 & 2017 VOLUME INDICATORS**

The following indicators compare the last three fiscal years and are intended to provide perspective on business volume.

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*as a calculation of annual payroll hours worked  
** reflects sale of Alameda property
### Proposal/Award/Facilities & Administrative (F&A) Cost Comparison FY 2016-17 and FY 2015-16

#### Proposals Submitted

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<td>17.66%</td>
<td>18.79%</td>
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Chart A
Number of Proposals and Awards
FY 1999-00 - FY 2016-17

Note: Supplements are included as of 2014-15
Dollar Amount of Awards

- ARRA
- County Health
- All Other

Fiscal Year Ending

($ in Millions)
# Awards Received on Behalf of San Diego State University
## FY 2016-2017

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<th>Total Dollar Amount of Awards</th>
<th>Percentage Dollars of Awards Received</th>
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<th>Number of T/IT Faculty</th>
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<td>91</td>
<td>37</td>
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<td>48</td>
<td>14.3%</td>
<td>27,275,560</td>
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<td>2,373,099</td>
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<td>48</td>
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<td><strong>Health &amp; Human Services</strong></td>
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<td>16</td>
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<td>152</td>
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<td>35,085,483</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>783</td>
<td>278</td>
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<td>404</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>134,264,146</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>20,148,110</td>
<td>696</td>
<td>192,908</td>
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Institutional includes: Business & Financial Affairs, Graduate & Research Affairs, Academic Affairs
Proposal count does not include supplements
### Sponsored Program Expenditures by Sponsor Type/Federal Pass-through

**Total Expenditures = $115,485,492**

**Total Federal and Federal Pass-Through = $85,547,238**

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**Federal** 43%

**Federal Pass-Thru State and Local** 20%

**Federal Pass-Thru Foundations and Non-Profits** 10%

**Federal Pass-Thru For-Profit and International** 1%

**State and Local** 7%

**Foundations and Non-Profits** 13%

**For-Profit and International** 6%

**Total Other:** $29,938,254

**Grand Total:** $115,485,492
Chart F

Sponsored Program Expenditures by Federal Agency FY 2016-17
Total Federal and Federal Pass-Through = $85,547,238

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<td>$11,724,328</td>
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<td>Department of Defense</td>
<td>$9,204,554</td>
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<td>All Other</td>
<td>$13,860,768</td>
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Health and Human Services: 49%
National Science Foundation: 10%
Department of Education: 14%
Department of Defense: 11%
All Other: 16%

Sponsored Program Expenditures by Federal Agency FY 2015-16
Total Federal and Federal Pass-Through = $79,762,078

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<td>Department of Defense</td>
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<td>All Other</td>
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Health and Human Services: 50%
National Science Foundation: 11%
Department of Education: 13%
Department of Defense: 10%
All Other: 16%
### Sponsored Program Expenditures - Detailed Comparison

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<th>Actual Fiscal Year 2016-17</th>
<th>Actual Fiscal Year 2015-16</th>
<th>$ Increase (Decrease)</th>
<th>% Increase (Decrease)</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Salaries</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Benefits</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Other Direct</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total MTDC</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Equipment</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Student Support</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Subagreements</strong></td>
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<td>**Other * **</td>
<td>4,821,530</td>
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<td><strong>Total Other Costs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Direct</strong></td>
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<td><strong>F&amp;A Costs</strong></td>
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<td>19,208,190</td>
<td>423,570</td>
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<td><strong>Total Costs</strong></td>
<td>115,485,492</td>
<td>113,912,239</td>
<td>1,573,253</td>
<td>1.38%</td>
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**F&A Costs/MTDC**

- 27.18%  
- 27.78%

*Space rental costs, transfers, and other miscellaneous accounts*
# Chart H

## Sponsored Program Expenditures and F&A Effective Cost Recovery Rates

**FY 2002-03 through 2016-17**

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<th>Fiscal Year</th>
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<th>TDC</th>
<th>F&amp;A Costs</th>
<th>F&amp;A Rate</th>
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<td>2002-03</td>
<td>125,105,523</td>
<td>109,463,032</td>
<td>15,642,491</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>2003-04</td>
<td>106,726,820</td>
<td>92,731,585</td>
<td>13,995,235</td>
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<td>2005-06</td>
<td>109,470,605</td>
<td>94,483,798</td>
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<td>2006-07</td>
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<td>2008-09</td>
<td>119,238,251</td>
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<td>2009-10</td>
<td>126,100,292</td>
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<td>2010-11</td>
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<td>2011-12</td>
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<td>2012-13</td>
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<td>2013-14</td>
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<td>89,480,112</td>
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<td>2014-15</td>
<td>106,339,954</td>
<td>89,139,068</td>
<td>17,200,886</td>
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<td>2015-16</td>
<td>113,912,239</td>
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<td>19,208,190</td>
<td>50.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2016-17</td>
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<td>95,853,732</td>
<td>19,631,760</td>
<td>50.00%</td>
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Chart I

F&A Costs Recovered
FY 2002-03 through 2016-17

- 2002-03:
- 2003-04:
- 2004-05:
- 2005-06:
- 2006-07:
- 2007-08:
- 2008-09:
- 2009-10:
- 2010-11:
- 2011-12:
- 2012-13:
- 2013-14:
- 2014-15:
- 2015-16:
- 2016-17:

$0
$5,000,000
$10,000,000
$15,000,000
$20,000,000
$25,000,000

F&A Costs

FY 2002-03 through 2016-17
Total Sponsored Program Expenditures by College

- A&L = Arts and Letters
- BUSAD = Business Administration
- CES = Extended Studies
- EDUC = Education
- ENGIN = Engineering
- HHS = Health and Human Services
- IVC = Imperial Valley Campus
- PSFA = Professional Studies and Fine Arts
- SCI = Sciences
- ALL OTHER = Academic Affairs, Foundation Projects, Graduate Research Affairs, KRBS, Republic of Georgia Campus, SDSU Business & Financial Affairs, and Student Affairs

Total Direct Costs
Facilities and Administrative Costs
Overview

While October 1st marks the beginning of the new fiscal year (FY18), Congress is still far from reaching agreements on the FY18 spending bills.

Unable to meet the fiscal year deadline and to avoid a government shutdown, Congress passed and the President signed into law a Continuing Resolution Appropriations Bill (CR) to fund government programs at current FY17 levels through December 8th. This bipartisan agreement sets December 8th as the new deadline for completion of the annual appropriations bills.

The President’s FY18 budget proposal was delivered in late May versus the usual budget delivery timeframe of early March. While this compressed budget calendar did impact the process, the largest impediment to completion of the bills is the absence of a new bipartisan budget agreement that would amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) and set the funding amounts for defense and non-defense discretionary spending. There is wide disagreement over funding levels, and Democrats in the Senate have made clear they will not allow for final consideration of FY18 bills until discretionary levels for non-defense programs are aligned with defense spending. (Consideration of funding bills in the Senate requires 60 votes.)

Funding bill status to date:

- **House of Representatives** - During the week of September 11th, the House passed an omnibus appropriations bill that covers all government programs. House passage was never in doubt given the GOP majority. (Note: The Defense portion of this bill goes $72 billion over the maximum allowed by the BCA – unless there is a change in funding or budget policy, this could trigger automatic cuts - e.g. sequestration).
- **Senate** – The Senate Appropriations Committee has cleared most of the individual spending bills, readying them for consideration by the full Senate. However, no bills have been considered by the full Senate absent a new budget agreement.

If Congress cannot agree to a new budget framework, a second short-term continuing resolution may be passed to avoid a shutdown. This extension of funding could last well into 2018, but the administration has indicated there is the potential for a government shutdown.

Sequestration under the Budget Control Act is still current law, which means across-the-board spending cuts could be enacted in the coming fiscal year.

**Status of SDSU-relevant Programs under Senate Committee and House-Passed Appropriations Bills**

**National Institute of Health.** There is good news for NIH. The House-passed bill provides $35.2 billion for NIH, an increase of $1.1 billion above the FY17 enacted level. This is $8.6 billion above the President’s budget request. The Senate provides $36.1 billion which represents a $2 billion increase. **Regarding Facilities and Administration (F&A) costs, the House bill requires NIH to continue reimbursing F&A; the Senate bill prohibits capping F&A at 10%.**
**National Science Foundation (NSF).** The House and Senate both fund NSF at $7.3 billion. This amount is $161 million below the current-year level, but $658 million above the President’s budget request.

**Department of Education.** The House-passed bill funds the Department of Education at $66 billion, which is $2.4 billion below current year. The Senate, on the other hand, is recommending $68.3 billion.

- **Pell Grants** - the House maintains the maximum Pell Grant award of $5,920. The Senate increases the grant to $6,020. According to the Senate report, the bill also provides “more than sufficient funding to continue Year-Round Pell.”

- **Student Support and Academic Achievement State Grants** – the House bill includes $500 million - $100 million above the current level. These flexible funds are intended to be used for states and school districts to expand access, improve school conditions, and increase the use of technology. The Senate bill provides $450 million, and references technology and STEM education.

- **The TRIO and GEAR UP programs** are intended to help first-generation college students prepare for, enter, and complete college. The House bill increases funding for both: TRIO programs would receive $1.01 billion and GEAR UP would receive $350 million. The Senate bill gives TRIO $953 million and GEAR UP $340 million.

**Corporation for Public Broadcasting.** KPBS’s interests are protected by bipartisan support in the House and Senate. Both bills provide an advance appropriation of $445 million for fiscal year 2020 – this is the same level of advance funding provided in fiscal year 2017. The Senate adds an additional $20 million in FY18 to continue upgrading the public broadcasting interconnection system.

**National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities.** The House bill provides $145 million for each of the endowments, $5 million below the fiscal year 2017 level for each endowment. The Senate bill is pending in Committee.

**Department of Energy.** The House provides level funding at $5.4 billion. This funding supports basic energy research, the development of high-performance computing systems, and research into the next generation of energy sources. The Senate bill provides $5.55 billion for the DOE Office of Science, $158 million above the current level, to support these areas.

Source: Carpi & Clay, Washington DC
IV. Staff Activities and Events

Professional Engagement
Many SDSU Research Foundation staff volunteer their time with professional organizations related to their disciplines. These activities provide beneficial educational, training and networking opportunities that enhance their ability to serve SDSU researchers.

Executive director Michele Goetz serves as the CSU system representative on the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) and on the AOA Executive Committee. Michele is also a member of the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and the Society of Research Administrators International (SRAI). She represents SDSU Research Foundation on the University Research Council and is an Aztec for Life.

Chief Financial Officer Leslie Levinson serves in various capacities internally and externally. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California State Board of Accountancy. She also serves on several SDSU committees including the TCF Board Finance & Investment Committee, Gift Acceptance Committee, President’s Budget Advisory Committee, and the Advisory Board for the School of Accountancy. Leslie is also an Aztec Club and Aztec for Life member.

Jennie Amison continues to serve as the co-chair of the Basics of Research Administration conference for the Society of Research Administrators International and as a co-content manager for the Introduction to Research Administration and Management certificate for the society. She also received an excellence award – advanced level - from SRAI.

Sandra Nordahl is a member of SRAI’s Distinguished Faculty/Speakers Bureau and gave multiple presentations last year from Norway to Nashville. She also sits on the editorial board of SRAI’s Journal of Research Administration.

Victoria Kuebler, associate director of human resources, chairs the AOA HR Committee and represents SDSU Research Foundation on the university-wide CAFS (Celebrating Aztec Faculty & Staff) committee.
She is also a member of the National Society for Human Resource Management and the International Foundation for Employee Benefit Plan Specialists.

Research Foundation staff serve on these state, national and international organizations: American Payroll Association (APA); Auxiliary Organizations Association (AOA); SRAI; COGR; NCURA; National Association of Procurement Card Professionals; North San Diego County Chapter of the APA; Building Owners and Managers Association; Society for Human Resources Management (local /national chapters); International Facility Management Association; Unified Port of San Diego Environmental Committee; Ad Hoc Committee on Sea Level Change.

Our staff also work closely with their university colleagues on joint projects and programs and serve on university committees and teams. These include the University Research Council; SDSU Communicators; Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee; Explore SDSU, Campus Development Committee; Institutional Biosafety Committee; Aztecs Rock Hunger; University Committee on Patents and Copyrights, and the new P-Card User Group. Several staff members volunteer each year as judges for SDSU’s Student Research Symposium.

SDSU Associate VP Andrew Bohonak and SDSURF finance director Vicky Kern staffed the joint SDSU Research Foundation and Graduate and Research Affairs booth at Explore SDSU Day.

Victoria Kuebler and colleagues who helped coordinate SDSU Field Day 2017.
Each year, research foundation staff identify an organization to support at the holidays. The 2016 SDSURF holiday project supported Voices for Children.

The mission of Voices for Children (VFC) is to transform the lives of abused children by providing them with volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). They believe that every child deserves a safe and permanent home, and to that end, will review and monitor every court file in the system, provide a CASA to every child in the foster care system who needs one, and advocate to improve the lives of foster children. In addition, Voices for Children increases awareness about the foster care system, and advocates for legal policies and practices that enhance the quality of life for foster children.

Principal investigator Tonika Green (College of Education) directs a U.S. Department of Education grant that works with VFC to train School Psychology, School Counseling and School of Social Work students to become Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Photo: research foundation grant coordinator Richard Brandt (standing) with Ashley Williams (VFC), Charlotte Agostinelli (VFC), SDSU student Kaitlyn Armstrong and (front) Dr. Green and SDSU students Cory Way and Mariela Godinez who received the gift cards and books donated by SDSURF staff.
The PI Lecture Series continued in FY 2016-17. Nine principal investigators presented lectures about their work to research foundation staff. This program originated in 2011 at the suggestion of Dr. Rob Edwards (computer science). It remains a positive mechanism for educating staff about the PIs we support and building strong PI/staff partnerships.

**Top Row:** Dr. Iana Castro (marketing)  
Dr. Todd Braje (anthropology), Dr. Jillian Maloney (geology) and Radmila Prislin (associate VP for academic affairs)  
Grant specialist Lisa Anderson and Dr. Inna Fishman (psychology)

**Row 2:** Grant specialist Marlo Martinez introduces Dr. Peter Larham (theater)  
A captive audience  
Grant specialist Cheryl Whittemore (second from right) with Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) staff Mr. Mark Ballam, Dr. Martina Musteen and Ms. Paige Bryant

**Row 3:** Executive Director Michele Goetz welcomes the audience  
Grant specialist Pascheline Peter and Dr. Georg Matt  
Dr. Kim Finley (BioScience Center) and grant specialist Carolyn Martinson

**Row 4:** Grant specialist Tatiana Bosquet, Dr. Christal Sohl (chemistry & biochemistry) and development specialist Alma Flores  
Grant specialist Kim Ruff introduces Dr. Todd Braje and Dr. Jillian Maloney  
Grant specialist Steve Vasquez and Dr. Chris Mi (electrical and computer engineering)
OUR STUDENTS!

SDSU students play an important role in the day-to-day operations of the research foundation. They provide significant contributions to all areas of our organization while learning skills that will benefit them in the future. We are fortunate to have these undergraduates on our staff to assist us and to remind us of the important academic mission we support.

Information Systems Department. Lizeth Navarro and Lily Tabuchi are members of the transaction team and are responsible for assisting with the data entry of journal vouchers, cash receipts and purchase requisitions. They provide support to many research foundation departments by filing, scanning, photocopying and tagging fixed assets.

Lily Tabuchi  Lizeth Navarro  Aniel Roderickz  Jenny Zhong

Jenny Zhong and Aniel Roderickz provide excellent customer service to central staff and projects as members of the help desk. Both are able to quickly diagnose a wide variety of system issues and provide successful resolutions to help keep our systems users happy.

Sponsored Research Services Division. Faith Marientes’ big smile greets visitors to the sponsored research services division. Her front desk duties include assisting customers, sorting mail and she is often seen delivering important documents on campus. She provides support to the division by assisting with fund close out, scanning/coping and a wide variety of special projects.

Faith Marientes, sponsored research services
Executive Office. Ivonne Molina Garcia and Christian Benavides successfully juggle multiple projects for the communications and executive offices from organizing files and event preparation to conducting internet research and tracking news stories.

SDSU Research Foundation student assistant and president of the student-run Aztec Racing team, Adam Kuebler (standing, second from right), poses with teammates. Prior to his graduation this past year, Adam worked for several years in the research foundation human resources department.
Congratulations to our dedicated staff whose experience and longevity make them valued partners in supporting SDSU research.

SDSURF Staff Awards
October 25, 2016

5 Years
Mike Murphy, Eric Sims, Tannaz Niknejadi, Chun Ohl, Alex Delino

10 Years
Andrea Harris, Erika Gonzalez. (Not pictured: John Crockett)

20 Years
Not Pictured:
Danielle Arellano-Rieger and Mike Johnson

15 Years
Laura Gardiner
(Not pictured: Frank Sweeney, Victoria Young)

25 Years
Debbie Brighton,
Cynthia Hicks Droske

30 Years
Joanne Jahn, Tiny Jackson,
Michele Gocht.
(Not pictured: Sandra Nordahl)

35 Years
Bonnie Brown
Congratulations to our valuable team members who retired in 2016-17. Their years of service are much appreciated.

Bruce Wilson, computing services
Frances Fairchild, accounts payable
Norma Clark, facilities
Denise Carroll, purchasing
Bonnie Brown, sponsored research administration
Barry Janov, research advancement
IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Thomas R. Scott

October 1, 1944 – May 15, 2017

Professor, neuroscientist, principal investigator, dean, vice president and SDSU Research Foundation CEO 2006-2008

Mr. Bob Benshoff

1937 – 2016

SDSU Research Foundation executive director and chief financial officer (1971-1999)