



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Graduate and Research Affairs

Congratulations Graduates!

Commencement was this weekend, and it was a blast! More than 1,870 master's and doctoral students graduated this spring, along with scores of undergraduates. A big thanks to all the faculty and staff who helped our graduates achieve this milestone!



SDSU doctoral programs growing

Last year, 143 students earned doctoral degrees, compared to 59 a decade ago. This year, 166 doctoral candidates have applied for graduation and/or been cleared to graduate. SDSU has launched 11 new doctoral programs since 2007.

"Faculty are really engaged with students." Katelyn Sileo, a 2017-18 doctoral graduate, said of her global public health program. Sileo, now a postdoc at Yale, is pictured above during a research trip in Uganda while at SDSU. [Learn More](#)

Did you know?



Diversity in research

Two-thirds of SDSU undergraduates who receive NSF Graduate Research Fellowships hail from MARC and IMSD, two university programs aimed at increasing diversity in STEM research. [Learn more.](#)

Have you heard?

GRA staffer gets award

John McMillan, a research advancement program manager, received the President's Leadership Fund Award for Faculty and Staff Excellence for his work with SDSU's Venture Capital Investment Team.



What's happening?



GREW fellows go to D.C.


Several former Grants and Research Enterprise Writing fellows went to Washington D.C. last week to meet with program officers from major funding organizations. [Learn more](#) about GREW.

STEM faculty, applications for the September 2018 CREDITS Team Science retreat are due on May 25. In a small group environment, the retreat will promote team science competencies and leadership capacity. It will also provide faculty best practices for ensuring that their collaborative work is valued in tenure and promotion. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Research Spotlight



In the last few weeks, SDSU awarded the Zahn Spirit of Innovation Award to a graduating student who founded a nonprofit that provides education and hygiene-focused intervention to vulnerable populations in three countries (top) and highlighted research that suggests combat exposure results in reduced likelihood of attaining a four-year degree (bottom left). Meanwhile, HBO's Vice News featured SDSU research that decodes the secret languages of sex traffickers (bottom right). Click the pictures to learn more.

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Recent Grants

Kalyuzhnaya, Marina

Bacterial Production of Ectoine and Lipase: Coal Mine Methane Valorization Tradewater LLC

\$55,711

College of Sciences - Biology

Lewison, Rebecca / Jennings, Megan K

Monitoring of the San Diego Feral Pig Removal Program in San Diego County
City of San Diego

\$10,000

College of Sciences - Biology

Tong, William

SDSU Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (SDSU IMSD)
DHHS National Institute of General Medical Sciences

\$476,862

College of Sciences - Chemistry & Biochemistry

Thoman, Dustin B

Promoting Motivation in Undergraduate Biology and Chemistry Courses

University of Wisconsin-Madison

\$192,483

College of Sciences - Psychology

Braje, Todd J / Maloney, Jillian M

Archaeological and Biological Assessment of Submerged Landforms in the

Pacific Coast US Department of Interior

\$299,755

Interdisciplinary Programs - Anthropology

Nickerson, Susan / Bowers, Janet / Philipp, Randolph

UPTempo: Upgrading the Path to Mathematics Teaching by adding Express
and Multiple On-ramps

National Science Foundation

\$623,763

Interdisciplinary Programs - Math and Statistics

Emmorey, Karen / Holcomb, Phillip J

Assessing the Neural Dynamics of Reading in Deaf Adults

US Department of Health and Human Services

\$22,022

Interdisciplinary Programs - Speech Language & Hearing Science

Hushen, W Timothy

Student Support Services

DOD Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command

\$12,612

Graduate and Research Affairs

Welter, Stephen C

California Water Science Center and Ecological Research Center

DOI United States Geological Survey

\$1,226,232

Graduate and Research Affairs

Sabria, Joseph J

Minimum Wages & Crime

Employment Policies Institute

\$49,450

College of Arts & Letters

Olevsky, Eugene

Joining of Nuclear-Grade SiC-SiC Composites by Localized Spark-Plasma
Sintering

Rapid3materials LLC

\$44,744

College of Engineering

McDaniels, Corinne

UC San Diego Clinical and Translational Research Institute (CTRI)

University of California at San Diego

\$122,857

College of Health & Human Services

Carlson, Beverly

UC San Diego Clinical and Translational Research Institute

University of California at San Diego

\$29,760

College of Health & Human Services

Tong, William

SDSU Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (SDSU IMSD)

DHHS National Institute of General Medical Sciences

\$52,985

College of Sciences

Blashill, Aaron

A Brief, Peer Co-Led, Group-Based Eating Disorder Prevention Program for Sexual Minority Young Adult Men

DHHS Nat Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

\$609,550

College of Sciences

Holcomb, Phillip J / Midgley, Katherine

The Neuro-Cognition of Word Comprehension

DHHS National Inst of Child Health and Human Development

\$376,250

College of Sciences

Roesch, Scott

2/2 Effectiveness of a Multi-Level Implementation Strategy for ASD Interventions

University of California at Davis

\$21,094

College of Sciences

Thoman, Dustin B

Fostering Resilient Mindsets Through Customized Interventions

University of Virginia

\$33,255

College of Sciences

Thomas, Jennifer

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Study Group Annual Meeting

DHHS National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

\$20,650

College of Sciences

Matt, Georg / Quintana, PJE / Hoh, Eunha

Contribution of Thirdhand Smoke to Overall Tobacco Smoke Exposure in a Pediatric Population

Cincinnati Childrens Hospital

\$270,033

Interdisciplinary Programs

[Have suggestions for the newsletter? Email us.](#)



The banner image this week is of graduation cords, in honor of our 2018 graduates!

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