



*Becoming a Premier Public
Research University:*

A New Kind of HSI

SDSU will forge a path to become a premier public research university where excellence and access converge. To achieve this long-term institutional goal, SDSU will leverage its unique stature as a community-engaged, border-connected, Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) located on Kumeyaay land.

Goal 1

Position SDSU to ultimately achieve R1 status

Accomplishments

Plan Activities Completed:

- Conduct an assessment with recommendations for needed resources for the university's research infrastructure (such as library acquisitions, equipment needs, research support).
- Develop proposals for at least three new collaborative research centers with more than \$1.5 million each in external funding per year in response to external requests for proposals (RFPs).
- Formally propose eight to 10 new strategically placed Ph.D. programs while advocating for the authority to offer independent doctorate degrees. 1 new program approved (Doctoral program in Public Health)

In progress:

- Secure authorization and funding for at least one new LEED (gold or platinum) certified major research facility.

Additional Accomplishments

- New Chief Technology Research Officer (CTRO) role created to head up new Research & Cyberinfrastructure (R&CI) group within the IT Division with a focus on supporting and expanding the university's Cyberinfrastructure used by faculty, researchers, and students, including a new instructional high-performance computing cluster (VERNE), grant-supported cyberinfrastructure training, and oversight of the Technology Infrastructure for Data Exploration (TIDE) computational core facility.
- Expanded support for doctoral students including additional programs to provide funding for students, a dedicated doctoral program specialist to centralize many processes across campus, and improved communication between CGS and program directors.
- Increased investment in faculty RSCA through the development of multiple intramural funding programs, grant review programs, community-building and other areas of support, including a Research Advancement Fellow program that provides release time for faculty in CAL, PSFA, and Education to work with Research Advancement in service to providing better DRI support to faculty in these colleges.

Goal 2

Leverage SDSU's unique identity to enhance the quantity and quality of scholarship.

Accomplishments

Plan Activities Completed:

- Submit proposals for 80% of federally designated HSI competitions for which SDSU is eligible each fiscal year.
- Establish new research partnerships with three universities in Latin America

In progress:

- Conduct hires of faculty members (five to 10 lines) clustered around public-facing, border or Indigenous scholarship.

Additional Accomplishments

- Office of HSI Affairs and advisory councils established
- Received the Seal of Excelencia
- Attained AANAPISI status
- FUERTE (Faculty Unified towards Excellence in Research and Transformational Engagement) grant project completed cluster hire of 11 early-career faculty across disciplines to bolster Latinx health disparities research and strengthen the pipeline of scientists focused on the subject.
- Launched the Native & Indigenous Research & Arts Symposium and the Black Research Symposium