

ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Awards

Fact Sheet and Award Recipients

Purpose: The SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA) Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award was created in 2014 to support the scholarly research and creative activities of senior lecturer faculty, FERP faculty, tenured and tenure track faculty applicants. The award is intended to support research and creative activities by, but not limited to hiring student assistants, acquiring equipment related to scholarly and creative endeavors, and providing funds to enable the ability to give presentations at professional conferences.

Evaluation Criteria: The evaluators will consider proposals based on:

- The project's demonstrated contribution to knowledge and scholarship in the applicant's discipline;
- Clarity of purpose indicating how the project has significance beyond the discipline, with language in the proposal that is understandable to a more general audience;
- An itemized budget with justification for items outlined; and
- The applicant's ability to carry out the proposed project.

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Current and Past awardees are:

Dr. Edward Cohen, School of Social Work (2025-2026)

Dr. Ismaila Diallo, Department of Meteorology and Climate Science (2025-2026)

Dr. Scott Shaffer, Department of Biological Sciences (2025-2026)

Laura Miller Conrad- Department of Chemistry (2024-2025)
Marie Haverfield- Department of Communication Studies (2024-2025)
Marco Meniketti- Department of Anthropology (2024-2025)

Saili Kulkarni – Department of Special Education (2023-2024)
Hiu Yung Wong – Department of Electrical Engineering (2023-2024)

Janet Bang – Department of Child and Adolescent Development (2022-2023)
Anil Kumar – Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering (2022-2023)

Elisa Mattarelli – School of Management (2021-2022)
Susan Ross – Department of Public Health & Recreation (2021-2022)

Daryl Eggers – Department of Chemistry (2020-2021)
Ryan Skinnell – Department of English & Comparative Literature (2020-2021)

Melinda Simon – Department of Biomedical Engineering (2019-2020)
Gilles Muller – Department of Chemistry (2019-2020)
Wes Maciejewski – Department of Mathematics & Statistics (2019-2020)

John Gieng – Department of Nutrition, Food Science & Packaging (2018-2019)
Yoon Chung Han – Department of Design (2018-2019)

Ruma Chopra – Department of History (2017-2018)
Alan Soldofsky – Department of English & Comparative Literature (2017-2018)
Ningkun Wang – Department of Chemistry (2017-2018)

Nicole Dubus – School of Social Work (2016-2017)
A.J. Faas – Department of Anthropology (2016-2017)

Faustina DuCros – Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Science (2015-2016)
Katherine Harris – Department of English & Comparative Literature (2015-2016)

Patricia Albers – Department of Art & Art History (2014-2015)
Emily Chan, Kathryn Blackmer Reyes, & Christina Mune – University Library (2014-2015)