

TITAN REPORT



\$3.25 MILLION GRANT TO INCREASE PIPELINE OF NURSES IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Amid deep health disparities illuminated by the COVID-19 pandemic, Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing has been awarded a five-year, \$3.25 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to increase the pipeline of graduate-level nurses in underserved communities.

One hundred percent of first-year funding, totaling \$650,000, will go toward scholarships for underrepresented students during the 2020-21 academic year.

"This grant is extremely important during the COVID-19 pandemic, as it will deploy a new contingent of social justice-informed nurses who have advanced preparation and the ability to address health disparities and complex care needs of vulnerable populations," said Sadeeka Al-Majid, professor of nursing who is leading the effort.

The project, "Enriching Nursing Representation to Impact Community Health" (ENRICH), aims to increase the enrollment and retention of nursing students from underrepresented backgrounds, the number of nurses with graduate degrees in medically underserved communities and primary care settings, and the overall diversity of professionals in the nursing workforce.

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CSUF Ranks in Top 5 Percent of 'Best Colleges in America'

Money magazine ranks Cal State Fullerton's transformative, affordable and results-driven education among the top 5% of universities in its national list of "Best Colleges in America," rated by value.

The "nationally competitive" university ranks 34th of 739 colleges across the nation in the online magazine's publication. CSUF is No. 9 in "Best Colleges for Business Majors," and No. 13 on Money's list of "Most Transformative Colleges." The university is No. 22 on the list of "Best Public Colleges."

Money determines the national rankings by considering each university's educational quality, six-year graduation rates, financial aid and student debt, along with alumni salary data from PayScale.com.

Money's report shows Titans graduate in an average of 4.9 years and the average alumni salary within five years is \$47,400. The report also shows 82% of students with need get grants, and Titans have a low average student debt of \$15,000.

The publication praises CSUF for its campus diversity and commitment to underrepresented students, where "more than half of bachelor's graduates are first-generation college students."

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [BIT.LY/CSUF-MONEY-MAG-TOP-FIVE](https://bit.ly/csuf-money-mag-top-five)

University Brings in Record-Breaking Level of Grant Funding

Cal State Fullerton secured \$31.5 million in grants and contracts in 2019-20, breaking the campus' previous record of \$27.4 million the year before. Binod Tiwari, associate vice president of research and sponsored projects, attributes the success to cross-campus support for and participation in initiatives designed to instill a culture of grant writing at the university.

Why does a teaching institution need grants?

"That is the million-dollar question," Tiwari laughed. "CSUF actually follows a teacher-scholar model where teaching is the main focus, but research is also important. Faculty doing research keeps our teaching current. And when we engage undergraduates in that research, it can change their lives."

VISIT: [BIT.LY/CSUF-RECORD-GRANT-FUNDING](https://bit.ly/csuf-record-grant-funding)

Titans Return

Learn about the latest updates on how Cal State Fullerton is dealing with COVID-19 recovery. coronavirus.fullerton.edu.



Educators Present Anti-Racist Teaching Practices in Fall Webinar Series

Cal State Fullerton's College of Education faculty members are rising up to promote anti-racist teaching and learning.

In response to and in support of the national movement to address inequities and bias toward the African American community, and the disproportionate rate of COVID-19 infections among Black and Latinx communities, the Department of Secondary Education is offering a free webinar series this fall semester to address underlying racist policies and practices that exist in our communities, said Natalie Tran, chair of secondary education and professor of educational leadership.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [BIT.LY/CSUF-FALL-WEBINAR-ANTI-RACISM](https://bit.ly/csuf-fall-webinar-anti-racism)



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Campaign Update

The seven-year *It Takes A Titan* Comprehensive Campaign for Cal State Fullerton, continues to gain traction. Donors, consisting of alumni, community members, corporations, foundations, faculty, staff and students have generously supported our four campaign priorities: Student Empowerment, Academic Innovation, Community Enrichment and Campus Transformation. To date, the campaign has raised \$157,332,005 million, or 78% of the total goal of \$200 million. Among the areas that are of particular note: The Arboretum is seeking investors to: Expand Fullerton Arboretum's impact, improve sustainability on campus and to optimize water systems at the Arboretum; Titan Athletics has a focus to invest in premium baseball and softball facilities and to position Titan golf for international success; The College of Business and Economics seeks to empower the business centers of excellence, enhance career exploration for business students, innovate accountancy education and support the School of Risk Management and Insurance.

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