

TITAN REPORT



Researchers to Offer Tech Solutions for Formerly Homeless People

A Cal State Fullerton research team is developing smart-home technologies for people previously affected by homelessness and now living in permanent supportive housing.

Funded by a \$1.25 million National Science Foundation grant, the three-year project will study technology to improve access to such services as mental health counseling, substance abuse resources, job placement, and assistance in obtaining state and federal benefits.

"The unexpected COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the role of technology in providing some of these services," said Anand Panangadan, associate professor of computer science, who is directing the project.

Project collaborators are USC, Mercy House and Jamboree Housing Corporation.

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CSUF Scores \$158.4 Million in State Funding

When California Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state legislature unveiled their budget for 2022-23, Cal State Fullerton received \$158.4 million to support the following projects:

- \$67.5 million for the Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub to meet the growing need for a highly skilled, STEM-trained workforce
- \$88.9 million to provide affordable housing for students
- \$2 million for the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, which aims to alleviate health and education disparities, revitalize neighborhoods, and reduce the cycle of poverty

The university will also receive funding as part of allocations made to the CSU:

- \$5 million for the CSU Asian Bilingual Teacher Education Program Consortium to prepare bilingual teachers in Asian languages such as Vietnamese, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese and Hmong
- \$11.3 million for Project Rebound, a program that supports the higher education and successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals

Speaker Anthony Rendon, President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins and other elected officials were instrumental in helping the university receive this funding. Advocates for the ECS Innovation Hub included California Sen. Josh Newman and members of the OC delegation as well as Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis. California Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva took an active role in advocating for funding for the Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, and California Sen. Tom Umberg championed funding for the CSU Asian Bilingual Teacher Education Program Consortium. Increased funding for Project Rebound was led by assembly members Jose Medina, Kevin McCarty and Cristina Garcia.

[BIT.LY/CSUF-2022-23-STATE-FUNDING](http://bit.ly/csuf-2022-23-state-funding)

16 Students to Benefit From New CSUF Black Scholarship Fund

Cal State Fullerton, in partnership with the Orange County Community Foundation, created the CSUF Black Student Scholarship Fund to support self-identified Black or African American students. In its inaugural year, the fund awarded a total of \$24,000 to 16 students, which includes three incoming freshmen and 13 returning Titans.

"Supporting students as they excel in their education, particularly people of color and those facing financial barriers, advances our commitment to social justice and equity, and will have a lasting impact in our community and beyond," said President Fram Virjee.

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Health Law Expert Joins University Leadership

Jason Smith, an expert in bioethics and health law, was appointed dean of CSUF's College of Health and Human Development. Smith holds a juris doctor from Northeastern University School of Law.

As dean, Smith plans to focus on expanding partnerships with the community, increasing experiential learning opportunities, supporting sustainability and climate resiliency efforts, and improving the health of Orange County residents through research and service.

"I am very excited to join the Titan family and especially the College of Health and Human Development, which is home to amazing faculty, staff and students," he said. "This role is particularly important as California grapples with the challenges of the climate crisis, ongoing inequities and the COVID-19 pandemic."

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