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CSUF Awarded \$9 Million to Support Research, Students

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Cal State Fullerton two grants totaling nearly \$9 million to support research and development and improve retention and graduation rates for underserved students.

CSUF is the only California State University campus to receive the grants to elevate student success and close equity gaps in higher education.

"This highly competitive grant funding will help us enhance our current research development infrastructure and provide support to increase our research productivity and external funding, such as federal grants," said Binod Tiwari, associate vice president for research and sponsored projects.

A nearly \$5 million, four-year grant will go toward the new "Investing Now to Expand Faculty Research Through Capacity Building Program." This program will support technology infrastructure for research enterprise, increase faculty and student research opportunities, and promote cross-disciplinary collaborations.

A second grant of almost \$4 million will be used to establish "Fullerton RISES: Re-Imagining Success for Every Student" — a new program that aims to provide support and interventions for students at risk of being, or on, academic notice.

Fullerton RISES' support will target students with a 2.5 GPA or lower, said Yuying Tsong, associate vice president for student academic support, who will direct Fullerton RISES. Some of the program's activities include academic advising, supplemental academic support and skills-building, and time for students to improve grades before disqualification from the university.

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Faculty Member Featured in 'Black Beauty Effect' Netflix Series

First inspired by the natural hair movement in the early 2000s when many Black women decided to stop chemically relaxing their hair, Kristin Denise Rowe researches cultural representations of Black women, studying beauty, hair and body politics.

In 2023, the assistant professor of American studies at Cal State Fullerton was featured as an expert in "The Black Beauty Effect," a docuseries streaming on Netflix.

The three-part series examines Black people's contributions to beauty and culture throughout history, with episodes focusing on makeup, skincare and hair.

"There's so much value in learning about and understanding different histories," said Rowe. "If we look at the archival history of beauty culture, you will see Black people's expertise and contributions, and it's important to shed light on that narrative."

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Alumni Establish Fund to Support International Education

To honor their late father, Cal State Fullerton alumni and Advance Beauty College leaders Tâm '05 and Linh '98, '17 Nguyễn established the Minh Tâm Nguyễn Endowment Fund for International Education. The fund will benefit students who want to study abroad as well as international students who want to pursue an education at CSUF.

"This fund will help keep my father's legacy alive and allow students to experience the meaningful educational opportunities we had," said Linh.

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one who stands out for **greatness of achievement**

Panetta Scholar Builds Career Experience in DC

When CSUF criminal justice major Sophia Darvish learned that she'd been named the 2023 Panetta Congressional intern, it was a dream come true.

Through the Panetta Institute for Public Policy's Congressional Internship Program, she had the opportunity to intern in Washington, D.C., for 11 weeks with U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal.

"These opportunities strengthened my communication skills and professionalism, providing me with a solid foundation for success in the fast-paced environment of Capitol Hill," said Darvish.

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