

**Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards for 2025-26**  
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Name	Academic Rank	Title	Department	FY	Proposal Award Type (COG, PDP, PSA)
Dan Stockwell	Assistant Professor	Establishing a Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy Professional Literacy Community	English	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant
Rae McNeish	Associate Professor	Kern River in Crisis: Ecology of the river linked to rapid water loss	Biology	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant
Kane Keller	Associate Professor	Evaluating environmental and anthropogenic impacts on Dudleya species along the Central Coast of California: Conservation challenges and opportunities	Biology	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant
Milad Pira	Assistant Professor	Opportunities for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises During Mega Sporting Events: A Focus on the FIFA World Cup in the US, Canada, and Mexico	Management and Marketing	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant
Sunjin Pak	Assistant Professor	BEYOND THE PAYCHECK: LEADER WORKAHOLISM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT WORKERS	Management and Marketing	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant

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Maruti Mishra	Assistant Professor	Understanding Mechanisms of Face Perception and Cognition in Social Contexts.	Psychology	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant
Jahyun Kim	Assistant Professor	The Impact of Chronic Cannabis Use on Arterial Stiffness in healthy young population	Kinesiology	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant
Thibault Allain	Assistant Professor	Exploring the Role of Probiotic-derived Extracellular Vesicles as Antiparasitic Agents	Biology	2025-26	Chancellor's Office Grant
Zhongzhe Liu	Associate Professor	Developing an Interdisciplinary Proposal by Integrating Research, Education, and Extension to Enhance Agricultural Irrigation in the Valley	Physics and Engineering	2025-26	Provost Proposal Development Program
Joe Ren	Assistant Professor	A Journey of Kern River and Beyond - Media Arts Project	Communications	2025-26	Provost Proposal Development Program
Adam Sawyer	Associate Professor	California Dreamin': Migration, Work, and Settlement in the "Other" California	Teacher Education	2025-26	Provost Proposal Development Program
Ashleigh Herrera	Assistant Professor	Exploring the accessibility, acceptability, and utilization of a community-based harm reduction vending machine	Social Work	2025-26	Provost Scholars Award

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		among persons with limited opportunity structure			
Isolde Francis	Associate Professor	Elucidation of the role of two tad-like gene loci in the plant pathogenic bacterium <i>Rhodococcus fascians</i> D188	Biology	2025-26	Provost Scholars Award
Tiffany Tsantsoulas	Assistant Professor	Algorithmic Identities? Gender and AI-Generated Recommender Systems	Philosophy and Religious Studies	2025-26	Provost Scholars Award
David Barrera	Assistant Professor	Visualizing the Imperial Valley-Mexicali Borderlands	English	2025-26	Provost Scholars Award
Yilin Li	Assistant Professor	Preservice Teachers' Development of Adaptive Competence in Physical Education	Kinesiology	2025-26	Provost Scholars Award