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SDSU Researchers Collect \$131 Million in Grants Last Year

San Diego State University researchers received nearly \$131 million in grant money during the 2007-08 school year, a 9.4 percent increase from the previous year. In addition, SDSU experienced a \$7 million increase in research awards from the National Institutes of Health.

“This is a gratifying increase, accomplished in an austere federal funding climate” said Thomas Scott, SDSU vice president for research. “Results from the NIH, where success rates are now below 20 percent, are particularly encouraging and demonstrate the highly competitive caliber of SDSU’s researchers.”

Among the 805 awards was a nearly \$1.2 million grant received by Dr. Greg Talavera from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities to fund the San Diego Latino Research Center of Excellence’s Partnership to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease Disparities.

Biology professor Mark Sussman received nearly \$1.9 million from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to study how to protect heart cells.

Kelly Doran, another biology professor, received \$614,906 from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to study the blood-brain barrier failure in bacterial meningitis.

Psychology professor Nader Amir received \$403,650 from the National Institute of Mental Health for an interpretation modification program for social phobia.

Jim Sallis, psychology professor, received more than \$1.3 million from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for an ecological analysis of activity, eating and weight in adolescents.

James Lange, with Student Health Services, received \$214,906 from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to investigate drinking in college.