President Weber takes the charge of allocating the resources of The President's Leadership Fund very seriously and focuses on emerging opportunities to pursue innovation and reward excellence. Each request for funding is assessed based on how it will advance SDSU’s mission of providing a superior education, cutting-edge research and service to the community, thereby enhancing SDSU's visibility as a premier urban university.

We want to share with you the impact The President’s Leadership Fund is having on San Diego State by showcasing the diverse initiatives the program has funded thus far. Please take a moment to learn about a recent investment and review a portfolio of past initiatives supported by The President's Leadership Fund.

Thank you to our current partners for enabling President Weber to invest in these exceptional opportunities.

View our most recent investment brochure.

SDSU faculty, staff and students interested in requesting funds from The President's Leadership Fund may access our application by clicking here. (Click here to view the application guidelines.)

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHT

World History for Us All (WHFUA)

This fall, The President's Leadership Fund announced that it allocated funding to World History For Us All, a strategic initiative that aims to improve and advance international history education in California and throughout the nation. The project, which will develop a comprehensive model curriculum for world history education in middle and high schools in the U.S., is being led by our College of Arts and Letters' History Department at SDSU, in cooperation with the National Center for History in the Schools at UCLA.

The innovative WHFUA program not only serves a local need, but it also involves many local and highly-regarded national collaborators. Further, no comparable resource currently exists in our country to integrate knowledge and pedagogy in this way. Support from The President's Leadership Fund will be used to create a website for WHFUA that
will provide the impetus to launch, as well as test, the program over time.

As the center for the development and dissemination of WHFUA, SDSU will contribute to filling the urgent need that middle and high school teachers have for professional development in world history. In addition, over the long term, SDSU will serve as an institutional base for WHFUA, bringing additional distinction and visibility to the department's expanding contributions in this area. Similarly, since this project is closely aligned with SDSU's goal of maintaining an international focus, while also supporting the History Department's mission to attract prospective faculty candidates with a strong commitment to comparative and world studies, our university will benefit greatly from the success of this endeavor.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Other recent investments made by The President's Leadership Fund include:

**Project ASTRO**

Project ASTRO is a nationally recognized program to improve science education in grades four through nine, by training and forming partnerships between astronomers and educators in their communities. Funding from The PLF will enable Project ASTRO San Diego to hire a dedicated coordinator to manage these existing partnerships and offer expanded services to reach more students and teachers (with a goal of 30 educators and 1,000 students). As the only CSU campus with a Department of Astronomy, Project ASTRO not only provides SDSU with a unique opportunity to engage in community outreach, but it also offers research and volunteer opportunities for our faculty and students.

**Center for Optimal Health and Performance (COHP)**

SDSU's Center for Optimal Health and Performance is an updated version of the SDSU Adult Fitness Program, which was founded in 1958. The Adult Fitness Program has been re-envisioned into a Center which will focus on optimizing healthy lifestyles for physical activity and nutrition. Support from The President's Leadership Fund will be used to raise awareness about COHP in our community and generate additional clientele. Among its many benefits, this important program provides a training ground for graduate students working towards advanced degrees and serves as the only program in the community to offer a comprehensive array of support and services to encourage healthy lifestyles. In its expanded format, the COHP will position SDSU at the forefront of exercise and nutrition education.

**The Associated Students' Good Neighbor Program at SDSU**

With support from The President's Leadership Fund, the Good Neighbor Program launched this fall with the purpose of increasing SDSU students' awareness of the vital relationship between student behavior and the quality of life on campus as well as its surrounding neighborhoods. The Good Neighbor Program will be a visible means for effectively addressing ongoing issues of noise and partying with the College Area community and for educating students about appropriate behavior and the importance of positive community relations. Long-term, the Good Neighbor Program will help contribute to our community relations and outreach efforts while facilitating communication about, and an understanding of, larger campus issues, such as the SDSU Master Plan.

Learn more about previous investments made by The President's Leadership Fund.