

Where Student Fees Become *Student Futures*

Every year, Sacramento State students pay an Instructionally Related Activities fee. This report shows exactly where that money went in Academic Year 2025-26, and what students did with it.

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**Co-Curricular IRA
Programs**
funded in Academic
Year 2025-26

\$1.04M

**Total student fee
investment**
in co-curricular
programs this year

39

**Programs that
submitted**
a Post Activity Report
for this review

Funded by students, for *students*

The Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) program is one of the most direct ways Sacramento State translates student fee dollars into hands-on educational experiences. Thirty-nine programs, from a national-award-winning genetics research lab to a marching band that made its first international appearance, relied on this funding in 2025-26.

This report is a factual account of what those programs accomplished, drawn entirely from the Post Activity Reports submitted by program advisors. (*Post Activity Reports are the official accountability documents submitted annually by program advisors to the IRA Advisory Committee as required under ADM-0186.*)



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Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fees are paid by Sacramento State students to support essential educational experiences that supplement the core academic mission of the University.

Programs funded through the IRA are co-curricular activities that give students experiences they cannot get in a classroom alone. Research labs, performance ensembles, competitive teams, community service programs, and international study opportunities are among the activities IRA supports. Any program seeking funds applies to the IRA Advisory Committee, chaired by the ASI President, which serves as the advising body to the University President on IRA student fee allocations.

The policies and procedures governing IRA allocations are documented in the University Policy Manual under **ADM-0186 · Instructionally Related Activities Fee Administration**. This policy provides transparent guidance on application procedures and allocation decisions.

The IRA application window for FY 2026-27 was open from March 2 through March 29, 2026. Programs receiving IRA funding are required to submit a Post Activity Report documenting how funds were used, student participation, and program outcomes. *(Participation numbers are reported by program advisors using enrollment records, event attendance logs, and other program-specific tracking methods.)*

This report provides an evidence-based summary of how Co-Curricular IRA funding supported educational opportunities and student outcomes across Sacramento State during Academic Year 2025-26, including student learning, research, creative activity, leadership development, community engagement, and professional development.

Financial snapshot of the *FY 2025-26* IRA portfolio

This page orients readers before the outcome data that follows. Amounts are based on official Post Activity Reports and allocation records submitted for the FY 2025-26 co-curricular IRA cycle.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

\$1,038,174¹

TOTAL STUDENT FEE INVESTMENT

39

PROGRAMS FUNDED

39

PARS SUBMITTED

\$26.6K

AVERAGE ALLOCATION

\$110K

LARGEST ALLOCATION

\$400

SMALLEST ALLOCATION

Across all 39 funded programs

Understanding the Portfolio

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Programs serve different educational purposes.

Some support broad participation across the campus or community, while others provide intensive experiences. For example, *Theatre Arts* and *CSUS Dance* engage hundreds of students through productions, while *D.REAMS Genetics Research Lab* and the *Cichlid Fry Project* provide research-intensive opportunities for smaller cohorts.

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Funding reflects program design.

Award amounts vary according to participation, program scope, specialized equipment, travel, facilities, and other operational requirements - not as a measure of program value.

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Success looks different across programs.

Some programs demonstrate impact through participation and community engagement, while others are reflected in research, publications, artistic achievement, competition, international experiences, or career outcomes.

¹ The total of \$1,038,174 represents the sum of Co-Curricular IRA allocations for Academic Year 2025-26 based on official allocation records. Programs vary in both purpose and scale. Some awards support broad campus or community reach, while others support intensive, discipline-specific experiences such as research, performance, competition, or international study. The report does not rank programs against one another; rather, it documents how student fee investments supported educational activity across the Co-Curricular IRA portfolio during Academic Year 2025-26. Programs that do not submit a Post Activity Report may have future allocations reviewed by the IRA Advisory Committee.

What \$1,038,174¹ in Student Fees Supported

See footnote 1 on the financial snapshot page for a full explanation of this figure.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025

39

PROGRAMS FUNDED

Thirty-nine distinct co-curricular programs received IRA funding in FY 2025-26, ranging from a \$400 film festival to a \$110,000 theatre arts program. All thirty-nine programs submitted Post Activity Reports for this review.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025

80%

GRADUATION RATE, LAW ENFORCEMENT CANDIDATE SCHOLARS (LECS) - FALL 2023 COHORT

The Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars' Program (LECS) tracks cohort graduation rates. In the Fall 2023 cohort, 80% of LECS participants graduated vs. 44% of non-participants. This reflects one cohort's outcome, cited as reported in the program's official Post Activity Report. *(Cohort-specific data tracked internally by the program; not a university-wide average.)*

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025

50%

D.REAMS LAB GRADUATES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

The D.REAMS Genetics Research Lab grew from 5 to 10 undergraduate researchers. Of 16 graduates over 2024-26: 50% entered biotechnology careers, 31% graduate programs, 10% health professional programs. The lab also secured an NIH-AREA federal grant for 2026-2028.

400+

K-12 Students Tutored

Math Tutoring Buddies (Community Outreach), 28 Sacramento State student tutors served approximately 400 K-12 students, including 329 through dedicated online tutoring sessions. Free to all families.

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Trophies, 2026 CHP State Capital Explorer Challenge

Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars (LECS), 1st Place Written Test Scenario, 2nd Place Written Test Scenario, and 1st Place Obstacle Course Scenario. Statewide competition, April 25-26, 2026, West Sacramento.

NIH-AREA Grant Secured

D.REAMS Lab, Federal Research Funding

\$15,000 in IRA support to the D.REAMS Genetics Research Lab contributed to a chain of student outcomes, conference presentations, symposium awards, published manuscripts, that helped the lab secure a federal NIH-AREA grant supporting student research through 2026-2028.

What Students Won, Published, and Accomplished

National recognition, research outcomes, creative accomplishments, and career-related milestones documented through program reports.

Every item below is verified from FY 2025-26 Post Activity Reports submitted by program advisors. Each is attributed to its source program.

CICHLID FRY PROJECT, BIOLOGY

National 1st Place, Sigma Xi Student Research Showcase (All Sciences)

Desiree Thomas won 1st place in the undergraduate division of the Sigma Xi National Student Research Showcase, covering all sciences, nationwide. Her project on size assortative mating in wild Costa Rican cichlids grew directly from her work in the Cichlid Fry Project. Source: Cichlid Fry Project PAR, FY 2025-26.

COMPETITIVE DANCE CLUB, STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

First Team in Program History to Reach NDA Winners Circle, 3rd Place Nationally

In their 3rd year with the National Dance Alliance (NDA), the Competitive Dance Club placed 3rd in both prelims and finals at Nationals, scoring 90 and 92. The Winners Circle recognises the top three teams in the nation. This was a program record. Source: Competitive Dance Club PAR, FY 2025-26.

D.REAMS GENETICS LAB · BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

3 Symposium Awards + NIH-AREA Federal Grant Secured

Spring Symposia 2025 & 2026: Natalie Freestone (1st place), Ryder Hilliard (2nd place), Ana Andrade (2nd place). Freestone was then selected to represent Sac State at the CSU Statewide Research Competition, second consecutive year a D.REAMS student received that invitation. NIH-AREA grant secured for 2026-2028. Source: D.REAMS PAR, FY 2025-26.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT
CANDIDATE SCHOLARS
(LECS)**

3 Trophies at the 2026 CHP State Capital Explorer Challenge

LECS students competed April 25-26, 2026 in West Sacramento: 1st Place Written Test Scenario, 2nd Place Written Test Scenario, 1st Place Obstacle Course Scenario. Competed against law enforcement explorer programs statewide. Source: LECS PAR, FY 2025-26.

**MODEL UNITED
NATIONS, SOCIAL
SCIENCES**

Distinguished Delegation + 4 Position Paper Awards, NMUN New York City

12 Sacramento State students travelled to New York City for the National Model United Nations conference. The delegation earned a Distinguished Delegation award and four individual position paper awards. Source: Model United Nations PAR, FY 2025-26.

**SACRAMENTO STATE
MARCHING BAND**

First International Appearance in Program History, Ireland

The Sacramento State Marching Band made its first-ever international appearance, travelling to Ireland in FY 2025-26. A landmark moment in the program's history. 175 students participate in the program. Source: Sacramento State Marching Band PAR, FY 2025-26.

**FESTIVAL OF NEW
AMERICAN MUSIC
(FENAM), MUSIC**

200+ National Composer Submissions; Collaboration with Clarice Assad

The 2025 FeNAM received over 200 Call for Scores submissions from composers nationwide. Keynote artist Clarice Assad performed collaboratively with Sacramento State's Large Performing Ensembles, integrating professional artists with student performers in live concert. 200-250 Sac State students participated directly. Source: FeNAM PAR, FY 2025-26.

**CSET & JOB
PLACEMENTS SUPPORT
· EDUCATION**

43 Students Placed in Teaching Jobs; 22 Credential Exam Fee Waivers

210 students supported in FY 2025-26. 22 fee waivers provided for the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET). 43 students directly placed in teaching jobs, addressing California's teacher shortage. Source: CSET & JPS PAR, FY 2025-26.

**GE HONORS STUDY
ABROAD,
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDIES**

25 Students Completed Service-Learning in Birr, Ireland

March 21-28, 2026. Students refurbished Birr's rugby clubhouse and maintained a medieval monastery. Each student received a \$1,000 stipend toward airfare. 300 students attend the Fall Convocation where participants present their experience publicly. Source: GE Honors PAR, FY 2025-26.

Co-Curricular IRA reaches far beyond the students who participate directly.

When we count only the students directly enrolled in IRA-funded programs, we get one number. But IRA's actual impact spreads much further, to audiences at performances, to K-12 children served by outreach programs, to community members who attend events, to future students inspired by what they see Sacramento State doing.

The Theatre Arts Program reports that over 4,000 students benefited through attendance at productions, in addition to the 500+ who held direct participation roles. CSUS Dance reports 3,000 students benefited beyond its 350 direct participants. StingerStudio recorded 7,233 visits across 1,561 unique visitors. The Math Literacy Program reached approximately 910 participants of all ages across 30 events.

These broader numbers are harder to count precisely, which is why they are not the headline figures here. But they are real, and they are what IRA is actually for.

4,000+ **Students reached by Theatre Arts** through performances, workshops & masterclasses, beyond 500+ direct participants

3,000 **Students reached by CSUS Dance** through public performances, beyond 350 direct roles

7,233 **Visits to StingerStudio Makerspace** by 1,561 unique students, up 24% from prior year

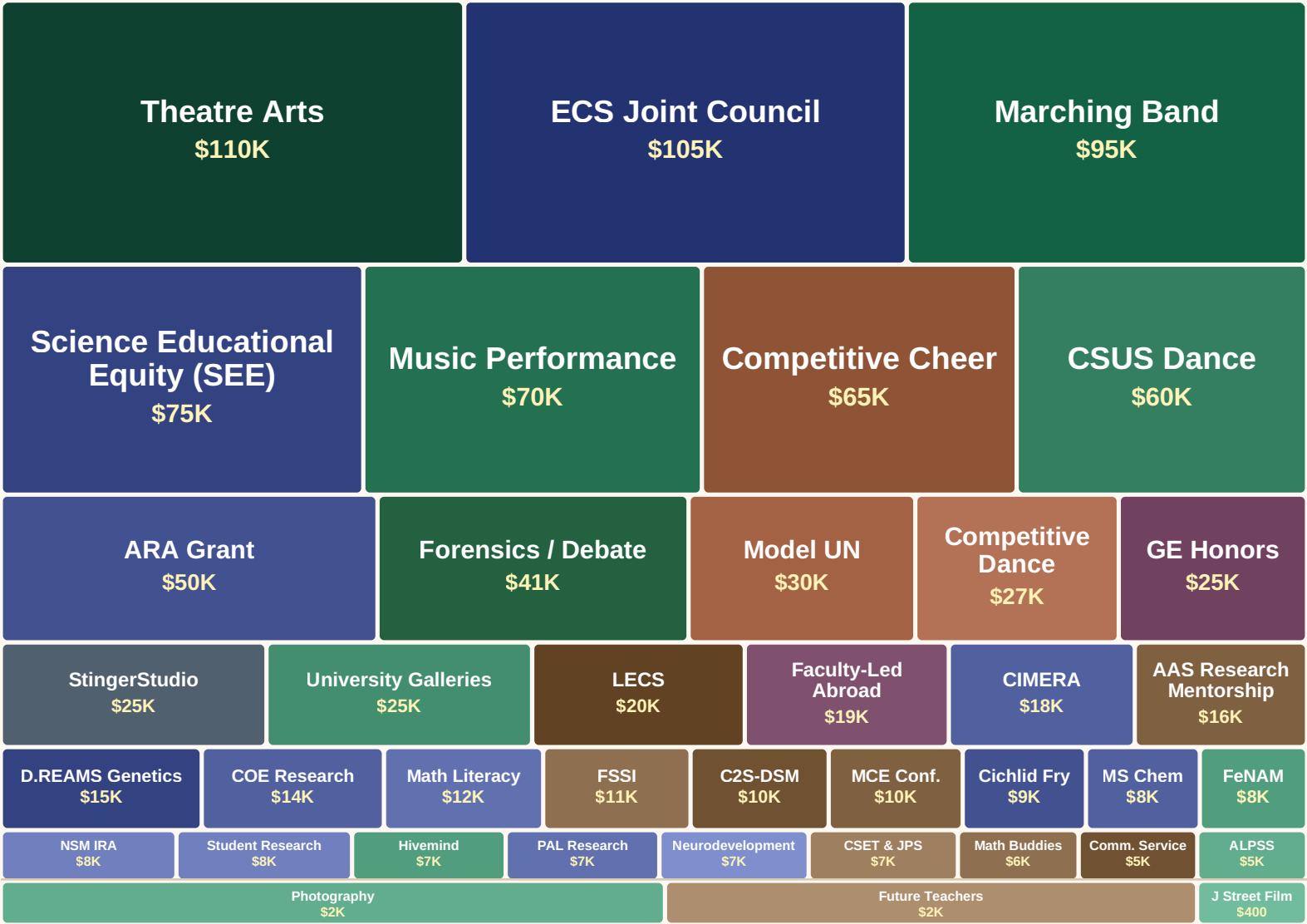
910 **Community participants** in Math Literacy events, elementary to senior citizens

1,000 **Students connected** through Community Service Outreach, 841 newsletter subscribers, 200+ at Resource Fair

(Indirect reach figures are reported by program advisors using ticket sales, event sign-ins, newsletter subscriber counts, and course enrollment data. These are estimates and may include overlap across programs.)

Every Program, Sized by Funding

Each rectangle represents one IRA-funded program. Size reflects the amount awarded. Amounts from official Post Activity Reports.



Colour groups: Dark green = Arts & Culture & Performance | Dark blue = STEM & Research | Brown/Rust = Athletics & Recreation | Mixed = Student Support, Global, & Other Programs

PROGRAM ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in the treemap above.

- AASRM** - Asian American Studies Research Mentorship

C2S-DSM - Commit to Study, Discipline Specific Mentoring

COE Research - College of Education Student Research Fellows

FeNAM - Festival of New American Music

LECS - Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars

SEE - Science Educational Equity Program
- ARA** - Academically Related Activities Grant

CIMERA - Center for Interdisciplinary Molecular Biology and Education Research

ECSJC - Engineering & Computer Science Joint Council

FSSI - Filipino Student Success Initiative

MS - MS Chemistry & Biochemistry Research Supply & Travel

Three Programs, Told in Full

Detailed examples of how IRA-supported programs connect funding to student participation, learning, and documented outcomes.

Data sourced directly from Post Activity Reports submitted by program advisors for FY 2025-26.

170

Prospective and current students in 2025-26

- 31 students graduating Spring 2026
- 46 students participated Spring 2026
- 3 trophies, 2026 CHP State Capital Explorer Challenge
- ~100 K-12 students visited campus Fall 2025
- 6 partnering law enforcement agencies
- Program is completely free to all participants

LAW ENFORCEMENT CANDIDATE SCHOLARS' PROGRAM (LECS)

From Campus to Career in Law Enforcement

\$20,000 awarded · FY 2025-26 · College of Health & Human Services · Advisors: Dr. Melissa Repa / Sgt Norman Vandermeide

The Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars' Program (LECS) prepares Sacramento State students to become sworn law enforcement officers through a "Scholars to Officers" model. Entry is free, uniforms, equipment, and all training materials are provided at no cost. Students placed into a sworn academy through one of six partnering agencies receive fully paid tuition for a six-month program.

In FY 2025-26, the program ran structured workshops in leadership, PELLETB exam preparation, de-escalation, defensive tactics, report writing, and investigative procedures. Six agencies partnered: Sacramento PD, Sacramento County Sheriff, San Francisco PD, Elk Grove PD, Sac State PD, and San Mateo County Sheriff, an expansion from prior years.

Cohort graduation data (from PAR): Fall 2021 cohort, 70% LECS vs 40% non-LECS; Fall 2022 cohort, 54.5% LECS vs 44% non-LECS; Fall 2023 cohort, 80% LECS vs 44% non-LECS. These are specific cohort outcomes, not university-wide averages. The Fall 2023 figure is the most recent complete cohort available.

Source: Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars' Program (LECS) Post Activity Report, FY 2025-26. All figures cited directly from the submitted PAR.

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Students active in the lab (10 undergrad + 4 master's)

- Grew from 5 to 10 undergraduate researchers (2024-26)

- 3 manuscripts currently in preparation

- 3 symposium awards in 2025 and 2026

- NIH-AREA federal grant secured for 2026-2028

- 50% of graduates entered biotechnology careers

- 31% entered graduate programs

D.REAMS GENETICS RESEARCH LAB,
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

A Research Lab That Prepares Students for What Comes Next

\$15,000 awarded · FY 2025-26 · College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics · Advisor: Dr. Andrew (Drew) Reams

The D.REAMS lab gives undergraduate students research experiences typically reserved for graduate programs. Students work on independent molecular biology projects, present at conferences, and receive direct mentorship from Dr. Reams.

In 2024-26, IRA support enabled the lab to grow from 5 to 10 undergraduate researchers. Eight students presented posters at both the NSM Symposium and the Fall Forum in 2024 and 2025. Three students won awards at the Spring Symposia (2025 & 2026). Natalie Freestone was selected to represent Sac State at the CSU Statewide Research Competition, the second consecutive year a D.REAMS student received that invitation.

Of the 16 undergraduates who graduated from the lab over the past two years: 50% entered biotechnology careers, 31% entered graduate programs, 10% entered health professional programs. The lab secured an NIH-AREA grant for summer research through 2028, including undergraduate student stipends.

Source: D.REAMS Genetics Research Lab Post Activity Report, FY 2025-26. All figures cited directly from the submitted PAR.

28

Sacramento State students served as tutors

~400 K-12 students benefited

329 served via dedicated online tutoring sessions

Free to all students and families

Community Outreach category

28 College Students. 400 Kids. A Simple Idea That Works.

**\$5,500 awarded · FY 2025-26 · Smallest
investment with broadest community reach ·
Advisor: Dr. Sayonita Ghosh Hajra**

Math Tutoring Buddies is straightforward: Sacramento State students who are strong in mathematics volunteer their time to tutor K-12 students in the surrounding community. No fees. No complicated systems. Students helping students.

In FY 2025-26, 28 Sacramento State students participated as tutors. Approximately 400 K-12 students benefited, including 329 served specifically through structured online tutoring sessions. The \$5,500 IRA award supported program coordination and outreach.

This program sits in the Community Outreach category, reflecting the idea that some of the most meaningful uses of student fees are those that connect Sacramento State to the city it sits in.

Source: Math Tutoring Buddies Post Activity Report, FY 2025-26. All figures cited directly from the submitted PAR.

Every Co-Curricular IRA Program, Academic Year 2025

Complete portfolio of funded programs, reported participation, and key outcomes for Academic Year 2025-26.

All 39 funded programs listed with key outcomes. Amounts from official Post Activity Report (PAR) submissions or allocation records.

Theatre Arts Program \$110,000 ARTS & LETTERS 500+ roles · 4,000+ benefited Productions: Much Ado About Nothing and Pippin with professional guest artists including Sacramento State alumni. Students participated in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF). IRA enables engagement of national guest artists for mentorship in performance, design, and stage management. (4,000+ figure tracked via <i>Hornet Tickets</i> sales data and attendance sign-in sheets at non-ticketed events.)	Sacramento State Marching Band \$95,000 ARTS & LETTERS 175 students First international appearance in program history, travelled to Ireland. Performed at football games throughout the year. Director noted the absence of a music budget analyst created administrative challenges but all performances were delivered successfully.	Engineering & Computer Science Joint Council \$105,000 ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE ~2,500 students · 24 clubs Engineering and Computer Science Joint Council (ECSJC) Expo on April 18, 2026 coincided with Admitted Student Day, reaching prospective students and families. Teams competed in Formula SAE Michigan, BAJA SAE, RoboSub, ACI Concrete Canoe, and multiple ASCE, SWE, SHPE, and NSBE competitions. 24 clubs participated.
Science Educational Equity Program (SEE) \$74,909 NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS 12 students 8 of 12 students presented research at conferences or symposia. Of the 12 participants, 6 were expected to graduate during 2026; among survey respondents, 2 graduating students indicated plans to pursue graduate school. Program provides stipends enabling underrepresented students to pursue full-time research without needing to work outside their field.	CSUS Dance Organization \$60,000 ARTS & LETTERS 350 participation roles · 3,000 benefited Productions: 'Sacramento/Black Art of Dance & University Dance Company: Stronger Together', 'Pippin', and Senior Dance Capstone 'Envision Beyond'. Competed at American College Dance Association (ACDA) Northwest Region Conference in Las Vegas. Guest artists included Osvaldo Ramirez, Linda Bair, Nicole Manker, and Lisa Carmen Ross.	Competitive Cheer Club \$65,074 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & LEADERSHIP 42 students IRA funding supported 42 competitive cheer participants in travel to national competition, along with team fundraising efforts. Program advisors report the experience builds teamwork, discipline, and leadership among participating students.

Academically Related Activities (ARA) Grant

\$50,000

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

74 students funded · 119 applications

Record-high 119 applications in 2025-26. 74 students funded to travel to academic conferences, research presentations, and performances. 45 students remained on the waitlist, demand significantly exceeds available funding.

Forensics / Debate Team

\$41,300

ARTS & LETTERS

Competitive debate

Sacramento State's competitive intercollegiate debate program. IRA funding covers travel to tournaments, entry fees, coaching, and preparation. Program builds critical thinking, public speaking, and argumentation skills through competitive debate.

Music Performance Program

\$70,000

ARTS & LETTERS

~4,215 students benefited · nearly 200 public events

The School of Music presented nearly 200 concerts and recitals, many livestreamed via YouTube. 215 music students participated directly in performances; approximately 4,000 general education students attended concerts as a required course component. ~500 instances of masterclass and workshop participation recorded. *(Student count based on enrollment data and required concert report submissions; tracked via Hornet Tickets, event sign-ins, and YouTube Analytics.)*

Model United Nations

\$30,100

SOCIAL SCIENCES & INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

12 students to NYC

Distinguished Delegation award plus **4 individual Position Paper Awards** at the **National Model United Nations** (NMUN) conference in New York City. One of the most competitive collegiate MUN conferences in the world.

Competitive Dance Club

\$27,000

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & LEADERSHIP

13 athletes + 20 clinic students

In their 3rd year with NDA, became the **FIRST team in program history** to reach the **Winners Circle**, placed 3rd in both prelims and finals, scores of 90 and 92. Clinic attendance doubled vs prior season. Community involvement: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, visits to Shriners Children's Hospital.

University Library Galleries

\$25,000

ARTS & LETTERS

Public gallery exhibitions

Supports public gallery exhibitions in the University Library, providing students with curatorial and art administration experience, and the campus community with access to fine art and student creative work throughout the year.

GE Honors Study Abroad, Ireland

\$25,000

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

25 students

25 students in Birr, Ireland March 21-28, 2026. Service-learning: refurbished the town rugby club, maintained a medieval monastery and walking trail. Each student received \$1,000 stipend toward airfare. 300 students attend the Fall Convocation where participants present their experience.

StingerStudio Makerspace

\$25,000

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

1,561 unique visitors

7,233 total visits, up 24% from prior year. 561 students with personal projects. 294 workshops training 639 patrons. 34 class visits (722 students). 18 group tours (489 people). Equipment: 3D printers, VR headsets, laser cutter, CNC router, vinyl cutter, sewing/embroidery machines, video recording studio.

Law Enforcement Candidate Scholars (LECS)

\$20,000

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

~170 students

3 trophies at 2026 CHP Challenge. 31 students graduating Spring 2026. 46 participated Spring 2026. Fall 2023 cohort: 80% grad rate vs 44% non-LECS. 6 partner agencies. Program is completely free, uniforms, equipment, and academy tuition all covered for placed students.

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program

\$19,200

CONTINUING EDUCATION

3 new programs launched

3 new faculty-led international programs created in FY 2025-26: NURS 193 (nursing immersion), CHIN 199 (Chinese language), ENVS 110 (environmental studies abroad). IRA funding enables faculty to design international experiences that would not otherwise exist.

Center for Interdisciplinary Molecular Biology and Education Research (CIMERA)

\$17,500

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

51 students

27 research presentations. 3 manuscripts in preparation. **12 grants submitted.** Center for Interdisciplinary Molecular Biology and Education Research supports undergraduate and graduate student researchers across multiple science departments.

Asian American Studies Research Mentorship

\$16,200

SOCIAL SCIENCES & INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

7 students · 70 at showcase

7 students completed mentored research projects under faculty guidance. **70 attendees** at the end-of-year showcase where students presented original scholarship in Asian American Studies. Program pairs students with faculty mentors for original research.

D.REAMS Genetics Research Lab

\$15,000

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

14 students (10 UG + 4 MS)

Lab grew 5 to 10 undergrad researchers (2024-26). **3 symposium awards:** Freestone 1st, Hilliard 2nd, Andrade 2nd. Natalie Freestone represented Sac State at CSU Statewide Research Competition, 2nd consecutive year a D.REAMS student received that invitation. **NIH-AREA federal grant secured** 2026-2028. Of 16 graduates: 50% biotechnology, 31% grad school, 10% health professions.

COE Student Research Fellows

\$13,600

EDUCATION

Post Activity Report received

Program funds College of Education students for research fellowships, supporting independent scholarly inquiry under faculty mentorship.

Math Literacy Program

\$11,880

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

~910 participants

30 events reaching approximately 910 participants of ALL ages: 50 K-12 teachers, 200 high school students, 70 middle school students, 70 elementary school students, 400 Sacramento State students, 100 prospective students, and 20 senior citizens. One of the most community-connected IRA programs.

Filipino Student Success Initiative (FSSI)

\$11,000

EDUCATION

100+ students engaged

Filipino American History Month Film Series in October 2025 drew 40+ attendees. 18 students completed the FSSI survey. 30 students reached through ETHN 119 classroom outreach. 20 student leaders at the Filipino Student Success Gathering. Collaboration with University Library, APIDA Center, and community partners.

Commit to Study, Discipline Specific Mentoring

\$10,313

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

~700 students enrolled

Academic support embedded in STEM courses. 6 student assistants in Fall 2025. Online workshops reaching hundreds: note-taking, time management, test-taking strategies, AI-powered study strategies, and discipline-specific academic skills. ~700 students enrolled in supported courses benefited.

Multicultural Education Conference

\$10,000

EDUCATION

Annual conference

Annual conference on equity, inclusion, and culturally responsive pedagogy in K-12 and higher education settings. Brings together educators, students, researchers, and community members from the Sacramento region.

Cichlid Fry Project

\$9,200

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

~14 students/semester

Desiree Thomas won **1st Place NATIONALLY** at the Sigma Xi Student Research Showcase, undergraduate division, all sciences, for 'Size Assortative Mating in Wild Costa Rican Cichlids'. Lab has presented at this national competition multiple consecutive years. Students teach each other techniques, creating a peer-learning research culture in the lab.

MS Chemistry & Biochemistry Research Supply & Travel

\$8,500

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

15 grad students

15 MS students funded, ~58% of the entire Chemistry Department graduate student population. 10 received travel support for conferences; 5 received supply funds for thesis research. Additional 20-30 undergraduates indirectly benefited through mentorship in MS students' labs.

Festival of New American Music (FeNAM)

\$8,000

ARTS & LETTERS

200-250 direct participants

7-day festival (expanded from planned 6 days). **200+ Call for Scores submissions** from composers nationwide. Keynote artist Clarice Assad performed collaboratively with Sac State Large Performing Ensembles. Concert audiences ranged 50-300 per event, several near capacity at 328 seats.

College of NSM IRA

\$8,000

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

15 students · 5 departments

18 applications reviewed; 15 funded across 5 departments. 10 students received travel support for scientific conferences; 5 received research supply funds. Second year of the program, growing demand suggests a need for expanded allocation.

Student Research Center

\$8,000

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

15 students

Supports student participation in research symposia and competitions. Students present original research before faculty, peers, and community judges. Provides a formal venue for undergraduate and graduate scholarly recognition.

Hornet Alumni Magazine (Hivemind)

\$7,000

ARTS & LETTERS

35-40 contributors · 753+ benefited

Student-produced magazine rebranded as Hivemind. 35-40 students involved in writing, editing, design, and production, gaining real-world journalism and publication experience. 753+ readers benefited from the publication.

Research Activity Discussion, PAL

\$7,000

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

7 students total · 5 participated each semester

Peer-Assisted Learning research discussion group. 7 students total participated across the year, with 5 students engaged in structured academic research discussions each semester (Fall and Spring). Dr. Corey Shanbrom, Mathematics and Statistics. Small group format enables deep engagement with research methods and scholarly literature.

Cellular & Molecular Neurodevelopment

\$6,800

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

17 students

17 undergraduate students conducted neuroscience research under Dr. Kimberly Mulligan, Department of Biological Sciences. Students studied cellular and molecular mechanisms of neurodevelopment and presented findings at regional conferences and symposia throughout the year.

CSET & Job Placements Support Program

\$6,798

EDUCATION

210 students · 43 job placements

22 fee waivers for the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) credential exam. **43 students placed in teaching jobs. 210 total students supported.** Program directly addresses California's **teacher shortage** by reducing the financial barriers to teacher credentialing for Sac State students.

Community Service Outreach Program

\$5,400

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

~1,000 students reached

841 newsletter subscribers. 200+ students at Civic Engagement Resource Fair (19 partners). **29 students in Community Service Internship** course × 45 hrs = 1,305 service hours. 26 students in Semester of Service = 566 volunteer hours. 4 Community Service Interns hired and trained.

Math Tutoring Buddies

\$5,500

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

28 tutors · 400+ K-12 students

28 Sac State student volunteers. ~400 K-12 students benefited. 329 K-12 students served through dedicated online sessions. Free to all students and families. Community Outreach category, IRA investment in the Sacramento community beyond campus.

Arts & Letters Professional Seminar Series

\$5,000

ARTS & LETTERS

190 students · 12 speakers

12 guest speakers from professional creative industries integrated into coursework by Professor Melissa Muganzo. 190 students benefited through course participation and office hours. Students cited direct career connections and immediately applicable professional skills from speaker interactions.

Photography Program

\$2,500

ARTS & LETTERS

25 BFA graduating students

25 students in PHOT 180 produced the BFA graduating class folio. Displayed at the Department of Design Spring Show on May 20, 2026. IRA funding enables a **professional publication** marking students' transition from student to practising photographer, a portfolio artifact for career use.

Future Teachers Forum: Explore, Engage, Empower

\$2,000

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Teacher pathway program

Connects Sac State students considering K-12 teaching careers with the teaching profession through exploration and engagement activities. Advisors: Dr. Sayonita Ghosh Hajra and Dr. Jenna Porter. Part of a broader effort to address teacher pipeline shortages in STEM fields.

J Street Film Festival

\$400

ARTS & LETTERS

Student film program

Student-run film festival presenting short films by Sacramento State filmmakers. **Smallest IRA allocation** in the portfolio at \$400, supporting an entirely student-run creative and screening event. Film: J Street Film Festival is managed by the Department of Communication Studies.

Documented outcomes across *research, creative activity,* community engagement, and career preparation.

REPORTING PERIOD

Academic
Year
2025-26

DATA SOURCE

PARs,
allocation
records, and
program
documentation

REPORT SCOPE

All 39 Co-
Curricular
IRA
Programs

Across Academic Year 2025-26, co-curricular IRA funding supported research, creative activity, community engagement, leadership development, international experiences, and career preparation across Sacramento State.

Although programs differ in size and purpose, each contributes to the University's educational mission by providing students with opportunities beyond the classroom. Together, these documented outcomes show how Instructionally Related Activities funding supports experiential learning and student success across the institution.

This report reflects information submitted by program advisors through the FY 2025-26 Post Activity Report process.

Sacramento State, Co-Curricular IRA Academic Impact Report · Academic Year 2025-26

Reporting Period: Academic Year 2025-26

Data Source: Post Activity Reports submitted by funded programs, official IRA allocation records, and supporting program documentation, unless otherwise noted.

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