



SACRAMENTO
STATE



ANCHOR UNIVERSITY GRANTS PROGRAM

2024-2025

ANCHOR UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

As a community-engaged University, our mission is to align its resources and efforts to cultivate purposeful, long-term, mutually beneficial community partnerships that:

- Confront systemic inequities
- Transform the lives of our students
- Strengthen our communities.



ANCHOR UNIVERSITY GRANTS PROGRAMS



The Anchor University Grants Program was established in 2021 with the purpose to provide funding to support students, staff, and faculty conducting work in the community that supports our University's [dedicated community involvement strategic imperative](#)

DETAILS



ANCHOR UNIVERSITY GRANTS PROGRAMS

Two grants being offered:

- Community Engagement Grant – awarding projects up to \$5,000
- Robert S. Nelsen Civic Engagement Grant – awarding projects between \$5,000 to \$7,500

Dates:

- Applications close on **April 29 at 11:59 p.m.**
- Grant awardees are announced in **mid-May**
- Funds will be transferred to departments by mid-June
- The award cycle is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



ANCHOR UNIVERSITY GRANTS DETAILS

- Applicant(s) can only submit one application and may only apply for one of the grants, not for both.
- All awardees will be required to document how funds were used and advanced the University's anchor mission by submitting a final impact report at the conclusion of the grant cycle.
- Those eligible to apply are Sac State faculty members (tenured, tenure track, part-time), staff members, students, and student organizations.



ANCHOR UNIVERSITY GRANTS DETAILS

Projects for both grants must:

- Applicants are required to engage with least one community partner.
 - The community partner organization must provide a letter of support that describes the depth of the potential or existing mutually beneficial partnership.
- The proposed activities must connect directly to Sac State student success, link to learning outcomes, or encourage student engagement and retention.
- The proposed activities will have faculty/staff and student roles and provide the opportunities to engage students in the project.
- The proposed activities must advance equity, antiracism, and/or social justice in our community and/or on campus.

Community Engagement Grant



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT



- The Community Engagement grant seeks to fund new or existing projects that focus on community-engaged partnerships, research, scholarship, and learning that will improve the long-term welfare of the Sacramento community and address at least one of the six priority issues of Anchor University.
- **Anchor University priority areas:**
 - Education (Pre-K - 12)
 - Health & Well-Being
 - Homelessness & Housing
 - Arts & Culture
 - Environment, Mobility, & Sustainability
 - Inclusive Economic Opportunity & Workforce Development
- The award maximum is **\$5,000**.

Robert S. Nelsen Civic Engagement Grant



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ROBERT S. NELSEN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT GRANT

- The Robert S. Nelsen Civic Engagement grant seeks to fund new or existing innovative projects and programs focused on civic engagement to improve the long-term welfare of the Sacramento Region. The purpose of this grant is to advance civic education, advocacy, and collaboration as drivers of societal advancement by funding projects and programs that promote civic participation.
- The minimum award for this grant is \$5,000, and the maximum award is \$7,500. Therefore, proposal budgets must fall within this range.



ROBERT S. NELSEN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Project can includes but is not limited to:

- **Civic Education Programs:** *Educate community members on their rights, responsibilities, and the importance of civic participation.*
- **Community Organizing and Advocacy:** *Supports grassroots organizations that work to address social issues and promote positive change within their communities.*
- **Voter Engagement and Mobilization:** *Projects/programs that seek to increase voter turnout, especially among underrepresented populations.*
- **Civic Innovation and Technology:** *Leverage technology to enhance civic engagement and promote transparency and accountability in government.*

EXPENSES



ANCHOR UNIVERSITY GRANT - EXPENSE DETAILS

Permissible Expenses

- Supplies
- Materials
- Equipment
- Mileage reimbursement
- Food, drinks, and refreshments
- Hire student assistants

Permissible Payments

- Payment to a non-profit organization or K-12 school
- Payment to non-CSU employed individuals to perform services
- Payment to a business to perform services
- Payment to a guest speaker
- Payment to an individual providing training services student employment

If you have questions regarding hiring student(s), please contact the [Student Employment](#) office.

ANCHOR UNIVERSITY GRANT - EXPENSE DETAILS



Non-permissible expenses

- Gift cards
- Tuition assistance or scholarships for enrolled students
- Student stipend
- Paid student internships
- Staff stipend or bonus
- Faculty assigned time/release time

APPLY NOW

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications must be submitted online via InfoReady on **April 29 by 11:59 p.m.**
- Both grants have a scoring rubric posted to their respective webpages
- The applications questions are posted to each grant's webpages
 - There are nine (9) rated questions
 - Two (2) non-rated questions
 - What is the project title?
 - Provide a brief description of the project?

Need to attached two (2) required supporting documents:

- Letter of support from the community organization
- Proposed budget outline (an excel file template is attached to the application)



PLEASE NOTE

Submitting the same proposal for which you have previously received an Anchor University grant is discouraged. We highly encourage growth in project and program development. We would like to see how your grant proposal builds upon and expands previous work.

If you are affiliated with the community organization, you are regarded as the community partner. It is required to establish a meaningful partnership with a campus department that will submit the application and assume the role of project lead.

Please visit the [Anchor University Grant Program website](#) to review the full details, criteria, and requirement.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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