

Below is a narrative “Organizational Profile” intended to offer commonly requested information for grant applications. Please feel free to use whole or in part. Should your sponsor request a “Fact Sheet,” we recommend that you visit “[Fast Facts about Fresno State](#)” and “[Demographic Data: Quick Facts](#).” The [Office of Institutional Effectiveness](#) (OIE) also provides additional facts via its website.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE**

California State University, Fresno (“Fresno State”) is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University, one of the largest systems of higher education in the world. California State University, Fresno was founded as Fresno State Normal School in 1911, became a teacher’s college in 1921, and has offered advanced degrees since 1949. In 2015, Fresno State attained the Carnegie Foundation classification of “Doctoral University,” graduating 80 doctorates per year in the programs of Educational Leadership, Nursing Practice and Physical Therapy. Fresno State’s 388-acre main campus and its 1,011-acre University Farm are located at the northeast edge of Fresno, California, at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada mountain range. The surrounding San Joaquin Valley is one of the richest agricultural areas in the world, and Fresno is the fifth largest city in California, with a population that is just over 500,000.

### **Accreditation**

The University is accredited by the California Board of Education and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Fresno State is also a member of the Western Association of Graduate Schools, the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States, and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Fresno State has 26 nationally accredited departmental programs, among the highest number within the CSU system.

### **Academic Units**

Fresno State’s academic schools and divisions are the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology; Arts and Humanities; Craig School of Business; Kremen School of Education and Human Development; Lyles College of Engineering; Health and Human Services; Science and Math; Social Sciences; Graduate Studies; and Continuing and Global Education. The Henry Madden Library has a physical collection of over a million books and subscriptions to over 60,000 online journals. The Library’s Special Collections Research Center houses several specialized book collections, manuscript collections, the University Archives, and the Central Valley Political Archive. Fresno State also hosts the prestigious Smittcamp Family Honors College and University High School, a free public charter high school ranked highly nationwide. Fresno State has more than 50 academic centers and institutes that provide applied research and service to the needs of others in the Valley region.

### **Community Outreach & Partnerships**

Fresno State has achieved the Carnegie Foundation classification of an “Engaged University” for both “Curricular Engagement” and “Outreach and Partnerships.” The institution has a long tradition of outreach to the community, preceding its Carnegie Foundation classification, and University President Joseph Castro’s 2016-2020 Strategic Plan includes community partnerships and engagement as a particular focus. Multiple projects funded by various federal agencies<sup>1</sup> provide direct support to students while they continue their education or improve the teaching of local K-12 teachers in various disciplinary areas—science, mathematics, history, arts education, and others. An equally impressive number of projects support community-based organizations that work to improve the quality of life in the region. Projects funded by federal agencies improve the quality of life by studying and addressing air quality or supporting the

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<sup>1</sup> Federal sponsors for this effort include but are not limited to the National Science Foundation, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

infrastructure necessary to address illnesses such as Alzheimer's, asthma, and cancer. These projects also support a number of research and training centers—such as Health and Human Sciences' Central Valley Healthy Policy Institute—that are critical to improving the health and welfare of Valley residents.

Fresno State also hosts the Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement, whose efforts provide over one million hours of service annually to the community. During the Academic Year 2014-15, 1,324,977 hours of service were provided to the community by Fresno State students, faculty and staff with an economic impact equivalent to \$36.4 million. Many of the Richter Center's programs like Jumpstart also receive support from federal agencies such as the Corporation for National and Community Service or its state members such as the California Campus Compact. All of Fresno State's outreach efforts benefit both the institution and the partnering organizations by creating synergy among faculty expertise, institutional resources, and student power in the San Joaquin Valley.

### **Enrollment**

In Fall 2015, Fresno State welcomed a total of 24,136 students, with 58.4% female students and 41.6% male students. Approximately 4,800 students completed work for bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees by Commencement 2014. The California State University and Fresno State in particular reflect California's rich cultural diversity. Fresno State is officially designated a Hispanic-serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. In 2015-2016, 45.8% of students were Hispanic; 22.4% were white; 14.0% were Asian (and of those 6.4% are Hmong), and 0.3% were African American. Fresno State also has 853 international students from 60 countries.

### **Faculty**

In Fall 2015, Fresno State had 1,393 faculty, with approximately 40.5% tenured or tenure-track and 59.5% Non-T/TT. A total of 26.5% faculty members are minority, and of these 12.5% were Asian and 10% Hispanic. Of total faculty, 46.5% are female and 53.5% are male. Among tenured faculty, 96% hold terminal degrees. Approximately 100 faculty members hail from foreign countries around the world.

### **Grant Awards**

Fresno State faculty members have won innumerable honors over the years, including a long history of awards supporting their teaching and research activities from the most competitive sponsors. Faculty members consistently win funding from federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright program, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Faculty members also secure awards from a multitude of private sponsors such as the California Endowment, the Walmart Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Packard Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, the Coleman Foundation, the Research Corporation, United Way, the Bernard Osher Foundation, the Oxbo International Corporation, Scott Laboratories, Kaiser Permanente, and AT&T. Grants and contracts awards from public and private sources total over \$35M annually.