

San José State University
Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA)
Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Purpose: The SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA) Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award was created in 2014 to support the scholarly research and creative activities of senior lecturer faculty, FERP faculty, tenured and tenure track faculty applicants. The award is intended to support research and creative activities by, but not limited to hiring student assistants, acquiring equipment related to scholarly and creative endeavors, and providing funds to enable the ability to give presentations at professional conferences.

Eligibility: Tenure-track faculty, tenured faculty, FERP faculty and senior lecturer faculty with more than 6 years of continuous service to SJSU. Priority will be given to those applicants who have not received an ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award in prior review cycles.

Award: This award provides funding, up to \$3,000, to each awardee in a Tower Foundation account.

Application Deadline: Proposals are due by Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Application Procedure: The Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA) Board will convene a committee that will review applications and make recommendations to the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Board for final approval. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Announcements about the awards will be made in February.

Evaluation Criteria: The evaluators will consider proposals based on:

- The project's demonstrated contribution to knowledge and scholarship in the applicant's discipline;
- Clarity of purpose indicating how the project has significance beyond the discipline, with language in the proposal that is understandable to a more general audience;
- An itemized budget with justification for items outlined; and
- The applicant's ability to carry out the proposed project.

For more information about the ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award, please contact Lucy McProud, Chair of the ERFA Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award AY 2026-2027, at lucy.mcproud@sjsu.edu.