

# Statement of Mission

## San José State University Research Foundation

As an integral member of the San Jose State University community, the San Jose State University Research Foundation provides an entrepreneurial framework through which local, state and federal agencies, businesses and private foundations engage SJSU faculty and students in sponsored research, public service and community projects, consulting and other specialized educational activities in support of the University's mission. Delivering specialized business services to support a diverse range of externally-funded activities, the San Jose State University Research Foundation fosters the University's quest for excellence by:

- *SUPPORTING FACULTY SUCCESS*

1. Promote, develop and manage sponsored programs involving scholarship (including research related to enhancement of teaching), scholarship, creative activity, public service, education, and training.
2. Support the full development of intellectual property by acting as the university's exclusive agent for technology commercialization.
3. Develop unique strategies to secure support for interdisciplinary programs related to the role of SJSU as a "metropolitan university."

- *EXPANDING STUDENT HORIZONS*

1. Promote student involvement in sponsored programs.
2. Develop unique opportunities for student research with faculty mentors.
3. Seek student internships in local business, industry, professional organizations, and public agencies, art museums, historical societies, and other appropriate venues.

- *DELIVERING SPECIALIZED BUSINESS SERVICES*

1. Administer funds for campus programs.
2. Seek opportunities to manage monies for other CSU/ campus auxiliaries and/or public agencies.
3. Maintain a diversified investment portfolio using targeted investment advisors.

- *DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY.*

1. Establish and/or support business incubators consistent with the role of SJSU as a "metropolitan university."
2. Provide the legal and administrative structures for new ventures with business, industry, and community organizations, including acquisition and management of real property.