



Cy Pres Fund Allocation to San Francisco State University

University Development Department

Cy Pres Funds

Cy pres awards are funds that are generated by a class action lawsuit that cannot be awarded or are unclaimed. Under the cy pres doctrine, courts can designate a nonprofit as the recipient of these funds, as long as the nonprofit’s mission furthers the purposes of the underlying causes of action, or promotes justice for all citizens and/or consumers in the State of California.

Cy pres awards must be directed towards a nonprofit that supports projects that benefit either the class or “similarly situated persons” who were served by the class action lawsuit; an organization that promotes the law consistent with the objectives and purposes of the underlying cause of action; a child advocacy program; or a legal services organization for the indigent.

With a focus on academic excellence, community service, and equity and inclusion, San Francisco State University has many programs that would qualify for cy pres awards. This brochure outlines many of the programs at San Francisco State University that would be suitable awardees for cy pres awards. With seven colleges and dozens of areas of study and concentration, the University offers many opportunities for funding.

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Founded as a teacher’s college in 1899, San Francisco State University is one of 23 campuses in the California State University (CSU) system. The University enrolls approximately 26,000 students each year and is comprised of six colleges that offer a wide range of subjects including liberal arts, business, education, the sciences, and ethnic studies. Comprehensive, rigorous, and integrated academic programs are offered across the campus that lead students to immerse themselves in open-minded inquiry, experiential learning, and reflection.

San Francisco State was designated one of the five most diverse universities in the US in 2021 by US News & World Report and is a Hispanic & Minority-Serving Institution. The vast majority of the University’s students come from the Bay Area and California, with 21% of students coming from Alameda/ Contra Costa Counties (East Bay) and 18% from San Francisco. A commitment to social justice and service is central to the ethos of the University, and students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to be productive, ethical, active citizens with a global perspective.

The University has 268,000 alumni. 83% of the University’s alumni live in California, 64% reside in the San Francisco Bay Area, and 23% live in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.



U.S. News & World Report ranked SF State 8th for upward mobility amongst universities in the U.S.



SF STATE STUDENTS

- 95% from California
- 30% first in their families to attend college
- 64% receive financial aid



The University was named an Equity Champion for Higher Education for its work with Latinx transfer students.



THE ENVIRONMENT

Climate HQ
Climate Justice Leaders Initiative

Climate change is the defining social justice and sustainability issue of our time. People around the world, including here in the Bay Area, must act now to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Climate HQ and the Climate Justice Leaders Initiative were created to support SF State’s exceptionally diverse students, staff, and faculty to become climate justice leaders while advancing the economic interests of California.

Guided by our core value of climate justice, we are investing in people and community by cultivating an equity-minded, interdisciplinary leadership team. By training student leaders, creating empowering events, and reaching across SF State to the broader CSU system, we are sowing the seeds for broader action.

- Satisfies cy pres requirements for the following types of cases:**
- Environmental justice
 - Environmental pollution
 - Toxic & nuclear pollution
 - Climate: greenhouse gas emissions
 - Water: toxic contamination
 - Wildlife destruction
 - Ecosystem destruction
 - hazardous waste

The Environment

- Climate HQ
- Climate Justice Leaders Initiative

Students reached through Earth Week & Symposium events.

800

68

Students have earned the Climate Change Certificate since its Fall 2021 launch

Students gained leadership experience by helping plan events & curriculum.

18

14

Climate justice-themed Earth Week events created or supported.

Climate Action Fellowships awarded to undergrad & grad students.

7

6

SF State colleges represented among Climate HQ programs & leadership.

New climate justice courses created to support the Certificate's new action component.

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New staff hired to support Climate HQ's efforts.



ETHICAL & SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

Center for Ethical and Sustainable Business in the Lam Family College of Business

The Center for Ethical and Sustainable Business (CESB) was launched in 2011, with founding faculty members seeking to integrate ethics, corporate social responsibility, and environmental sustainability beyond the classroom for undergraduate and graduate business students, faculty, and the Bay Area business community.

The Center offers three graduate certificates:
Sustainable Business
Ethical Artificial Intelligence
Ethics & Compliance

Satisfies cy pres requirements for the following types of cases:

- Defective products
- Consumer fraud
- Unfair business practices
- False advertising
- Deceptive advertising
- Bait and switch marketing
- Insurance, mortgage, billing, bank fraud
- Breach of contract
- Financial reporting
- Telemarketing fraud
- Breach of data privacy
- Ponzi scheme
- Defective cars
- Prize promotion fraud

Business & Fraud

- Center for Ethical and Sustainable Business in the Lam Family College of Business



The mission of the Center for Ethical and Sustainable Business is to be the Bay Area epicenter for integrating ethical, environmental, and social sustainability business practices through engagement between San Francisco State University's Lam Family College of Business students and Bay Area businesses.



The University's longstanding commitment to educating students about equity and social justice aligns CESB's vision towards its goal of honing best practices in business integrity, social impact, and environmental sustainability through business leader presence on campus, business funding support for students' CESB vision-related projects, and developing CESB learning and research communities for students and faculty.



The Lam Family College of Business MBA program was ranked among the top 10 Best Green MBA programs in 2021. This ranking is based on MBA students' assessments of how well we prepare them to address environmental, sustainability, and social responsibility issues in their careers.

Labor Disputes

- Labor and Employment Studies Program in the Lam Family College of Business



The labor and employment studies program provides students with an introduction to and understanding of the study of labor and employment relations.

The program offers a BA in Labor & Employment Studies and a Minor in Labor & Employment Studies.

The department chair, John Logan, Ph.D., is an internationally known and quoted expert on the anti-union industry and anti-union legislation in the U.S., and coparative labor issues, particularly how multinational companies treat employees and unions differently in the U.S. compared to European countries.

Professor Logan believes learning about labor issues provides real-world value to our students. “The overwhelming majority of our students work, many working full-time,” he says. “It’s important they understand how the world of work is changing – which occupations are growing and which ones are disappearing – and important to know what rights and protections they and their colleagues have at work.”

Whether students are newly entering the business world or hold a management position, Logan suggests reading books like Ibram X. Kendi’s How to Be an Anti-Racist and Ruchika Tulshyan’s The Diversity Advantage, which can provide insight into advocating for equity and a framework for creating space to discuss workplace diversity.



Professor Logan



LABOR DISPUTES

Labor and Employment Studies Program in the Lam Family College of Business

Satisfies cy pres requirements for the following types of cases:

- Wage and hour violations
- Meal break violations
- Illegal procedures regarding layoffs
- Misclassification lawsuits
- Overtime pay denial
- Unpaid business expenses
- Failure to provide pay stubs
- Disability discrimination
- FMLA lawsuits
- Sexual harassment
- Failure to promptly deliver wages
- Race discrimination



HEALTH, EQUITY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISPUTES

The College of Health & Social Sciences

The college’s alumni make up vast segments of the city’s workforce. A great many members of San Francisco’s law enforcement community have earned their professional degrees at San Francisco State, as have a large percentage of the city’s nurses and mental health counselors. The College’s impact also extends beyond the Bay Area to the state and national levels, where it has helped shape policy.

Satisfies cy pres requirements for the following types of cases:

Unlawful promotion of prescription drugs by pharmaceutical companies

Unlisted drug side effects that cause significant harm

Death or permanent injury caused by medical devices

Medical Tort

Defective products in healthcare

Criminal justice disputes

Defective baby and bath products

Malpractice & medical care

Health, Equity, Criminal Justice Disputes

The College of Health & Social Sciences



The College of Health & Social Sciences comprises a wide range of departments, programs, and schools with a shared commitment to equity, health, and social justice. Our offerings include 14 undergraduate majors and 10 graduate degree programs:

- DEPARTMENTS & SCHOOLS
- Child & Adolescent Development
 - counseling
 - Criminal Justice Studies
 - Family, Interiors, Nutrition & Apparel
 - Kinesiology
 - Nursing
 - Physical Therapy
 - Public Health
 - Public Affairs & Civic Engagement
 - Recreation, Parks & Tourism (with Holistic Health Studies)
 - Social work
 - Sociology & Sexuality Studies





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