

MCTEN: SDSU's Community of Faculty Access and Excellence

What is MCTEN?

MCTEN is a Division of Research and Innovation program that started in 2020 to support inclusive excellence in early career faculty. MCTEN focuses on transformative interventions to support all SDSU faculty in their research, scholarship and creative activities.

MCTEN has three primary activities: building intentional community, creating productive spaces, and supporting inclusive policies. These activities are all designed to support SDSU faculty in their journey of academic excellence.



INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY



WRITING SPACES



POLICY CHANGE

What's new with MCTEN in AY23-24?

MCTEN's new name reflects a new focus on supporting community, research and scholarship for all SDSU faculty across all ranks. This year, MCTEN supported 200+ faculty from all 8 Colleges.

At the core of the MCTEN approach is the intentional design, formation and curation of activities that leverage strength of community, peer-to-peer learning, and support, buoyed by senior faculty allies as sponsors and mentors.

MCTEN activities

Dedicated Writing Space (DWS) a weekly online space that provides faculty with a community of practice to support research and scholarly activity.

Facilitated Mentoring MCTEN faculty have access to a list of potential sponsors connecting and in this model, faculty have autonomy to identify who and what they need.

Mixers MCTEN organizes informal mixers to meet, mingle and connect

Chew on This! MCTEN's lunch and learn series that provides faculty opportunities for professional development. Topics include: setting up a lab, broader impacts, impactful graphics, cross-cutting conversations, mentoring, leadership.

Writing retreats Hosted bi-annual events that bring together faculty to write, connect, and inspire.



200+

Participating faculty



8

Participating colleges



1234

Proposals submitted

\$281,515,552.08



62

Awards/fellowships



560

Grants received

\$153,497,221.20.



648

Papers published

" MCTEN provides great opportunities to form deeper connections and gain a better understanding of my colleague's "

" I enjoy being a part of a community where others are being productive and working on their scholarship "

" MCTEN provides structure and opportunities to socialize, and space and time to do our work. MCTEN continues to improve to provide even more individual and targeted support. "

" What I appreciate about MCTEN: a sense of community, and structured time to quickly advance my work "

" MCTEN creates the feeling of really being part of SDSU. As an IVC faculty member, this has been so important "

" I love being able to talk with folks outside my discipline and learn about their work and strategies. "

" The grant that I worked on at the Jan 2024 writing retreat is going to be funded! "

" MCTEN gives me an opportunity to put myself first and to devote my time to my professional development. "