**COAST Undergraduate Student Research Support Program**

**AY 2016-17**

**Student Final Report**

**DUE DATES:**

* **June 15, 2017, for students NOT working over the summer**
* **September 15, 2017, for students working over the summer**

Congratulations again on receiving COAST Undergraduate Student Research Support! To better understand the impact of this support on you as an undergraduate in the CSU, COAST asks you to please provide the following:

* A title and 250-word abstract of the research project you conducted and/or completed with this support,
* A summary of how the funds were spent, and
* A statement of the impact of this support on your research project and undergraduate experience.

Please complete the **Student Information** and **Project Information** sections of this form on the following pages. Please consult with the faculty member with whom you conducted the research (“Project Advisor”) as necessary. When finished, please send this form to your Project Advisor. PROJECT ADVISORS: please return this form to your [COAST Campus Representatives](http://www.calstate.edu/coast/about/governance.shtml#council_map) who will forward it on to COAST.

**Guidance for writing a scientific abstract**

1. An abstract is a concise **summary of a project** that includes the following elements:
* **Problem statement:** Why do we care about the problem? What scientific gap is your research filling?
* **Methods and approach:** What did you actually do to get your results?
* **Results or findings:** As a result of completing the above procedure, what did you learn?
* **Conclusion/implications:**What are the larger implications of your findings, especially for the problem/gap identified in the problem statement?
1. Your abstract will be posted on the COAST website and should be targeted to a more general audience. Please avoid jargon and focus your writing to communicate ideas to readers with broader, less specialized knowledge.
2. Please keep your abstract to 250 words or less.
3. Please ask your Advisor to review your abstract before submitting it.

Example abstracts are available online at <http://www.calstate.edu/coast/funding/past_student_research_awards.shtml> (select the “Undergraduate” button at the top of the page). Please take some time to review these examples provided by other CSU undergraduate students.

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| **Student Information** |  |
| First Name: |  | Last Name: |  |
| CSU Campus: |  | Department: |  |
| Major: |  | Student ID Number: |  |
| Email Address: |  | Project Advisor: |  |
| Anticipated graduation date (mm/yy): |  |  Class Year (such as sophomore) |  |

**Project Information**

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| Project Title: |  |
| How much funding did you receive from COAST? |  |
| How much funding did you receive from your campus as match (if any)? |  |

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| **Project Abstract (**250-word maximum**)** |
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| **Budget Summary** (250-word maximum)Please describe how the support was spent: what materials or supplies were purchased? What activities were supported? If wages were provided, please indicate the number of hours you were able to work in the lab as a result of this support.  |
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| **Statement of Impact** (250-word maximum)Please describe the impact of this support on your research project and undergraduate experience. * How did the funding help your project? Would you have been able to complete this research without this financial support?
* How has this research project enhanced your undergraduate experience? What have you learned?
* How has this experience shaped your educational and career goals?
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**The following items are OPTIONAL and will not be used to place or track awards in any way.** This is only for COAST’s efforts to track diversity among participants with the ultimate goal of increasing diversity in marine science. Please highlight choice with bold or color.

**Which of the following best represents your racial or ethnic heritage? Choose all that apply.**

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| 1. Non-Hispanic White or Euro-American
2. Black, Afro-Caribbean, or African American
3. Latino or Hispanic American
4. East Asian or Asian American
5. South Asian or Indian American
6. Middle Eastern or Arab American
7. Native American or Alaskan Native
8. Other
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**Are you a first-generation college student?**

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| 1. Yes
2. No
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**Do you receive financial aid?**

1. Yes
2. No