



CSUPERB Announces 21 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 11 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the spring 2016 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 21 awards totaling \$29,857 to CSU faculty and students at 11 CSU universities.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 46 proposals from students and faculty at 18 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 24% of the proposals received. Individual awards are listed below.

A. Student Travel Grant Awards

The opportunity to present research results or collect research data is crucial to biotechnology students' professional development. The CSUPERB Student Travel Grant Program supports CSU student travel to biotechnology-related professional meetings and workshops or to collect biotechnology-related data at shared instrumentation facilities or research sites. CSUPERB reviewed 55 applications from 13 campuses.

Fourteen Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Andrew Cline** (Science & Environmental Policy, CSU Monterey Bay)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Gordon Conference: Ocean Global Change Biology (07/17/2016 to 07/22/2016) in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire.
2. **Lauren Dinh** (Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Fullerton)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Trace Elements in Biology and Medicine meeting (06/05/2016 to 06/10/2016) in Big Sky, Montana.
3. **Cole Frazier** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, Pomona)
Award: \$1,099 for travel to present research at the American Society of Microbiology Microbe meeting 2016 (06/16/2016 to 06/20/2016) in Boston, Massachusetts.
4. **Rania Haddad** (Biology, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society for the Study of Evolution 2016 Conference (06/17/2016 to 06/21/2016) in Austin, TX.
5. **Morgan Meyers** (Romberg Tiburon Center - Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 4th International Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO₂ World (04/28/2016 to 05/07/2016) in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.
6. **Thomas Mota** (Biological Sciences, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Neuroscience 2016 meeting (11/12/2016 to 11/16/2016) in San Diego, California.

7. **Chatrathip (Ann) Nasongkla** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, Pomona)
Award: \$1,411 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology Microbes Conference (06/15/2016 to 03/20/2016) in Boston, Massachusetts.
8. **Evelyn Puspitasari** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,460 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Microbe 2016 meeting (06/16/2016 to 06/20/2016) in Boston, Massachusetts.
9. **Tess Renahan** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Evolutionary Biology of Caenorhabditis and Other Nematodes meeting (03/29/2016 to 04/02/2016) in Cold Spring Harbor, New York.
10. **Virginia Russell** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the International Symposium in Microbial Ecology meeting (08/21/2016 to 08/26/2016) in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
11. **Charlie Seibert** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$387 for travel to present research at the Keystone Symposia: Stem Cells and Cancer (03/06/2016 to 03/11/2016) in Breckenridge, Colorado.
12. **John Swenson** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to conduct research at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (07/10/2016 to 08/10/2016) in Gloucester Point, Virginia.
13. **Wesley Williams** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 23rd International Symposium on Hepatitis C Virus and Related Viruses (10/11/2016 to 10/15/2016) in Kyoto, Japan.
14. **Charles Wingert** (Romberg Tiburon Center - Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 4th International Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO2 World (04/30/2016 to 05/07/2016) in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

B. Faculty Travel Grant Awards

CSUPERB recognizes that opportunities to present research and project results are crucial to professional career development. The CSUPERB Faculty Travel Grant Program supports CSU faculty travel to biotechnology-related professional meetings and workshops or to collect biotechnology-related data at shared instrumentation facilities or research sites. CSUPERB reviewed 31 applications from 15 campuses.

Seven Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Sanford Bernstein** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 15th Alpbach Motors Meeting: Myosin and Muscle, and other Motors meeting (03/12/2016 to 03/18/2016) in Alpbach, Austria.
2. **Catherine Brennan** (Biological Sciences, CSU Fullerton)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 100 Years of Phagocytes meeting (09/18/2016 to 09/22/2016) in Giardini Naxos, Sicily, Italy.

3. **Kevin Fingerman** (Environmental Science and Management, Humboldt State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the European Biomass Conference and Exhibition meeting (06/05/2016 to 06/10/2016) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
4. **Isolde Francis** (Biology, CSU Bakersfield)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the International Society for Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions meeting (07/17/2016 to 07/21/2016) in Portland, Oregon.
5. **Ray Hong** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Evolutionary Biology of Caenorhabditis and Other Nematodes meeting (03/29/2016 to 04/02/2016) in Cold Spring Harbor, New York.
6. **Maria C Linder** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Fullerton)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Trace Elements in Biology and Medicine meeting (06/05/2016 to 06/10/2016) in Big Sky Montana.
7. **Roland Wolkowicz** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Academic Drug Screening 2016 meeting (03/22/2016 to 03/23/2016) in Cambridge, United Kingdom.

For more information about these grant programs, see the CSUPERB website (<http://www.calstate.edu/csuperb/grants/>) or contact Susan Baxter, Executive Director, CSUPERB (sbaxter@mail.sdsu.edu). The database of CSUPERB grant awards can be searched at: <http://csuperb.org/grants/database/>