



CSUPERB Announces 19 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 8 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the spring 2015 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 19 awards totaling \$25,545 to CSU faculty and students at 8 CSU universities.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 41 proposals from students and faculty at 11 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 46% 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 21 applications from 8 campuses.

Ten Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Veronica Bichara** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the HCV 2015 - Hepatitis C and related viruses conference (October 9-13, 2015) in Strasbourg, France.
2. **Anastasia Ennis** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$710 for travel to present research at the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, 23rd Biennial Conference (November 7-13, 2015) in Portland, Oregon.
3. **Sa La Kim** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Association for Cancer Research (April 16-20, 2016) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. **Kelly Leavitt** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology General Meeting - ASM microbe 2016 (June 16-20, 2016) in Boston, Massachusetts.
5. **Becky Lee** (Biology, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology "Microbe 2016" (June 16-20, 2016) in Boston, Massachusetts.

6. **Peter Ngoi** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$900 for travel to present research at the 60th Biophysical Society Annual Meeting (February 27 – March 2, 2016) in Los Angeles, California.
7. **Connor Reed** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the HCV 2015, International Symposium on Hepatitis C Virus and Related Viruses (October 9-13, 2015) in Strasbourg, France.
8. **Omar Rojas** (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1305 for travel to present research at the 2015 Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting (October 7-10, 2015) in Tampa, Florida.
9. **Harmony Saunders** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (November 11-15, 2015) in Seattle, Washington.
10. **Brandy White** (Chemistry, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (April 2-6, 2016) in San Diego, California.

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 20 applications from 10 campuses.

Nine Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Nikki Adams** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (January 3-7, 2016) in Portland, Oregon.
2. **Karin Crowhurst** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1500 for travel to conduct research at the University of Toronto and the Hospital for Sick Children (October 13 – November 22, 2015) in Toronto, Canada.
3. **Kimberly D'Anna-Hernandez** (Psychology, CSU San Marcos)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Conference (October 16-21, 2015) in Chicago, Illinois.
4. **Laurent Dejean** (Chemistry, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$569 for travel to present research at the Symposium on Mitochondrial Channels and Transporters (September 10-12, 2015) in New York City, New York.
5. **Joy Goto** (Chemistry, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$1111 for travel to present research at the 26th International Symposium on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Motor Neuron Disease (ALS/MND) (December 11-13, 2015) in Orlando, Florida.

6. **Lucy HG Solomon** (School of Arts, CSU San Marcos)
Award: \$1450 for travel to conduct research at the UT Dallas ATEC & EMAC Art-Science Lab (April 29 – May 3, 2016) in Dallas, Texas.
7. **Tom Huxford** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Keystone Symposium—NF-kappaB and MAP Kinase Signaling in Inflammation (March 13-18, 2016) in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.
8. **Jonathan Kelber** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting (April 16-20, 2016) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
9. **Vasanthi Narayanaswami** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 2nd Barriers of the Central Nervous System (September 27-30, 2015) in Parador de Oropesa, Spain.

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://www.calstate.edu/csuperb/grant-abstracts/author.shtml>