

CSUPERB Announces 19 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 11 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the fall 2016 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 19 awards totaling \$27,701 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 63 proposals from students and faculty at 16 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 30% 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 43 applications from 13 campuses.

Thirteen Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Mark Alonzo** (Biology, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 10th Annual Arthropod Genomics Symposium and VectorBase workshop (06/07/2017 to 06/10/2017) in Notre Dame, Indiana.
2. **Alberto Camacho** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1,327 for travel to present research at the Regional Meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology (03/28/2017 to 03/31/2017) in Fish Camp, California.
3. **Sima Chokr** (Biological Science, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,439 for travel to present research at the Society for Neuroscience 46th Annual Meeting (11/11/2016 to 11/15/2016) in San Diego, California.
4. **Fred Fregoso** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2017 Keystone Symposia Conference: Genomic Instability and DNA Repair joint with the meeting on DNA Replication and Recombination (04/02/2017 to 04/06/2017) in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
5. **Kim Anh Hoang** (Chemistry, CSU Sacramento)
Award: \$1,255 for travel to present research at the 253rd American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition (04/02/2017 to 04/06/2017) in San Francisco, California.
6. **Malachia Hoover** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society of Cell Biology meeting (12/02/2016 to 12/07/2016) in San Francisco, California.

7. **Shawn McCreedy Reynolds** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology General Meeting (06/01/2017 to 06/05/2017) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
8. **Lillian Murphy** (Biological Sciences, CSU Sacramento)
Award: \$1,257 for travel to present research at the 58th Annual Drosophila Research Conference (03/29/2017 to 04/02/2017) in San Diego, California.
9. **Puneet Sanghera** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (11/08/2016 to 11/13/2016) in Tampa, Florida.
10. **Edward Strong** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Pittsburgh Conference (PittCon) 2017 (03/05/2017 to 03/09/2017) in Chicago, Illinois.
11. **Mengxi Tian** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2017 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting (02/15/2017 to 02/20/2017) in Boston, Massachusetts.
12. **Richard Villagrana** (Biology, CSU Bakersfield)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the International Symposium on the Biology of Actinomycetes (05/23/2017 to 05/27/2017) in Jeju, South Korea.
13. **Fauna Yarza** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,495 for travel to present research at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) – Serving Society Through Science Policy (02/16/2017 to 02/20/2017) in Boston, Massachusetts.

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.

Six Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Jeffrey Bernard** (Kinesiology, Stanislaus State)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Experimental Biology Conference (04/22/2017 to 04/26/2017) in Chicago, Illinois.
2. **Kimberly Mulligan** (Biological Sciences, CSU Sacramento)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 58th Annual Drosophila Research Conference (03/29/2017 to 04/02/2017) in San Diego, California.

3. **Derek Pamukoff** (Kinesiology, CSU Fullerton)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Osteoarthritis Research Society International: World Congress on Osteoarthritis (04/26/2017 to 04/30/2017) in Las Vegas, Nevada.
4. **Joshua Reece** (Biology, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society of Evolution Conference (06/23/2017 to 06/27/2017) in Portland, Oregon.
5. **Crystal Rogers** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1,478 for travel to present research at the Gordon Research Conference on Neural Crest and Cranial Placodes (02/05/2017 to 02/10/2017) in Ventura, California.
6. **Chester Simocko** (Chemistry, San José State University)
Award: \$1,450 for travel to present research at the Polymer Gordon Research Conference (06/11/2017 to 06/16/2017) in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

For more information about these grant programs, see the CSUPERB website (<https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/research/csuperb/Pages/grants-and-awards-programs.aspx>) 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/>