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California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB)
2021 PRESIDENTS’ COMMISSION SCHOLARS GRANT PROGRAM

Proposal Due Date: Rolling deadline between February 16 – April 19, 2021 by 5:00 pm (PST), while funding is available.

Project Title (max of 150 Characters)

Applicant Information (Must be an enrolled CSU student [not yet graduated or completed degree program])

Name
Phone
Email

Campus
Major
Student Campus ID #

CSU Faculty Mentor Information

Name
Department
Email

Project Information

Are Human Subjects involved in this project? Are Animal Subjects involved in this project? Are Biohazardous Materials or Recombinant DNA involved in this project? Does applicant have prior industry, community college or university level research experience; supported or unsupported? (Yes/No)

Note: If project involves Human Subjects or Vertebrate Animals and the campus has approved the work, a copy of the campus approval letter must be appended to the proposal. CSUPERB will not make awards to projects without IRB, IBC, or IACUC registrations or approvals by the time of award in April 2021.

Note: Projects requiring access to lab and necessary equipment must provide proof of campus approval by project start date. CSUPERB will not issue the award to projects requiring lab and equipment access without campus approvals.

Applicant Certification

By signing this application, I certify that,
1. The statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. The writing submitted here is mine and I have appropriately acknowledged all external sources used in this work. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may result in the removal of this application from review or in termination of the award if it has been awarded.
2. I will complete the project described in this grant by the end of the 2021 summer academic term.
3. If this application is successful, I will submit a Pre- and Post-Research Experience Report to CSUPERB.

Signature
Print Name
Date

CSU Faculty Mentor Certification

By signing this application, I certify that statements provided herein are true and that I have reviewed this application. I certify I am responsible for supervising any students, paid or unpaid, who work on the project and that those students will complete all required campus trainings required prior to their involvement in the project. This includes, but is not limited to, safety training or training specified in IRB or IACUC approvals. I also certify I am responsible for obtaining necessary regulatory compliance approvals from our campus and any necessary approvals from collaborating, external institutions by the time an award is granted. If this application is successful, I will submit a Pre- and Post-Research Experience Report to CSUPERB.

Signature
Print Name
Date

Institutional Certification – Dean or Campus-Authorized Designee

Chief Research Officers and Vice Presidents of Research system-wide have requested that CSUPERB proposals be routed through campus grant “clearance” mechanisms. By signing this proposal, we, or our campus-authorized designee, acknowledge that our institution has reviewed the proposed project and supports this grant application. We acknowledge that we monitor compliance with campus regulations regarding student involvement in research.

Signature
Print Name
Date
PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Student applicants and faculty mentors should work together to craft the research project description. There is no expectation that the student will have generated preliminary data and results. State the specific aims of the project. Explain how the proposed project is novel or innovative. Describe how you plan to address each specific aim experimentally, including a description of the methods you plan to use. Be sure to describe how the results will be evaluated or analyzed. (Limit 1 page. References and figures [including captions] may be included on one additional, separate page.)
KEY PROJECT MILESTONES AND TIMELINE
Since the project can be completed over the summer and 2021/22 Academic year, the student and faculty mentor should agree on tentative steps and time needed to complete the project. Since this project was originally created for a full-time summer commitment, please demonstrate your commitment to the research project, given your academic commitments, if you plan to conduct research over the semesters. (Limit 1/2 page.)

PROJECT FEASIBILITY INFORMATION
Please describe the feasibility of the research project plan. In addition, student applicants and faculty mentors should work together to discuss how they will complete the proposed plan in light of the COVID-19. Please (1) discuss to what extent the student applicant and faculty mentor are able to access required equipment and/or lab. (2) Discuss how many hours the student will be allowed in lab. (3) Discuss how the research project would change, if the student applicant or faculty mentor access to the necessary lab and/or equipment is disrupted. (4) Discuss your contingency plan, if you are unable to complete the original proposed research project. (Limit 1/2 page.)
STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION
The student applicant should write this section. Please (1) explain your current status (are you a first-year student? a sophomore? working toward a degree in what?), (2) Describe why this research project is interesting to you. (3) Explain what a "full time" commitment means to you. Lastly, (4) describe how the experience will advance your educational and/or research goals and how it might help define your post-graduation plans. (Limit 1/2 page.)
FACULTY MENTOR’S DESCRIPTION OF COMMITMENT TO THE SUMMER PROJECT AND THE STUDENT’S SUCCESS

The Presidents’ Commission Scholars Program aims to support mentored research experiences for undergraduates for the first time early in their college years. The faculty review committee understands that student applicants will not yet have the needed technical skills or a deep understanding of your research program. Explain how you met the student applicant and why, if you win a grant together, you agree to mentor this student’s summer research project. Include a description of your mentoring philosophy or practices. (Limit 1 page.)
FACULTY MENTOR’S SHORT CV

Include some information about other undergraduate researchers you’ve mentored in your lab or group. (Limit 1 page.)