



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

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the fall 2014 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 21 awards totaling \$28,652 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 53 proposals from students and faculty at 13 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 40% 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 35 applications from 12 campuses.

Fourteen Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

- 1) Megan Agajanian** (Biology, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Cell Biology Annual Conference (December 5-10, 2014) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2) Anusha Allawala** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1494 for travel to present research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (November 12-15, 2014) in San Antonio, Texas.
- 3) Alicia Davis** (Biology, CSU San Bernardino)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology (May 30 thru June 2, 2015) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 4) Bryan Hancock** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1140 for travel to present research at the International Conference on Gram Positive Pathogens (ICG+P) (October 12-15, 2014) in Omaha, Nebraska.
- 5) Brandon Kim** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to conduct research at the Institute of Hygiene and Microbiology at University of Würzburg (November 12 thru December 8, 2014) Würzburg, Germany.

- 6) Mitchell Lopez** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (November 12-15, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas).
- 7) Erica Mai** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Society for Comparative and Integrative Biology (January 2-7, 2015) in West Palm Beach, Florida.
- 8) Rhianne Maxwell** (Animal Science, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1036 for travel to present research at the Comparative Nutrition Society Symposium (August 1-5, 2014) in Flat Rock, North Carolina.
- 9) Aaron Miller** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Experimental Biology 2015 – American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (March 27 thru April 1, 2015) in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 10) Eric Miller** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1256 for travel to conduct research at the Technical University of Kaiserslautern, Biophysics and Medical Physics Research Laboratory (October 27 thru November 2, 2014) in Kaiserslautern, Germany.
- 11) Jennifer Nicholas** (Civil Engineering and Const. Engineering Management, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$393 for travel to present research at the California Water Environment Association (April 30 thru May 1, 2015) in San Diego, California.
- 12) Phu Truong** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (March 28 thru April 1, 2015) in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 13) Jessica Valadez** (Biological Science, CSU Fullerton)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Society for Neuroscience (November 15-19, 2014) in Washington, D.C.
- 14) Vi Vu** (Bioengineering/Mechanical Engineering, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1401 for travel to present research at the 67th Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics (November 22-25, 2014) in San Francisco, 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 18 applications from 10 campuses.

Seven Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

- 1) Elvin Alemán** (Chemistry, CSU Stanislaus)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 249th ACS National Meeting & Exposition: "Chemistry of Natural Resources" (March 22-26, 2015) in Denver, Colorado.
- 2) Jenny Cappuccio** (Chemistry, Humboldt State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to conduct research at The Molecular Foundry, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (January 2 thru March 31, 2015) in Berkeley, California.
- 3) I-Hung Khoo** (Electrical Engineering, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1012 for travel to present research at the 2014 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Healthcare Innovation & Point of Care Technologies Conference (October 8-10, 2014) in Seattle, Washington.
- 4) Kathleen L McGuire** (Biology/Sciences, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Association of Cancer Research - The Science of Cancer Health Disparities (November 8-13, 2014) in San Antonio Texas.
- 5) Alison Miyamoto** (Biological Science, CSU Fullerton)
Award: \$1426 for travel to present research at the American Society of Matrix Biology Biennial Meeting (October 11-15, 2014) in Cleveland, OH.
- 6) Rakesh Mogul** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, Cal Poly, Pomona)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 40th Scientific Assembly of the Committee on Space Research (August 3-10, 2014) in Moscow, Russia.
- 7) Christos Stathopoulos (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, Pomona)**
Award: \$1495 for travel to present research at the 115th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology (May 30 thru June 2, 2015) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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>