



CSUPERB Announces 20 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 20 awards totaling \$28,510 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 76 proposals from students and faculty at 15 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 26% 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 44 applications from 13 campuses.

Twelve Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

- 1. Kevin Campbell** (Biomedical Engineering, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society of Investigative Dermatology Annual Meeting (May 6-9, 2015) in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2. Nadja El Mecharrافية** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the International Society for Stem Cell Research (June 24-27, 2015) in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 3. James Horn** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,070 for travel to present research at the ASBMB - Experimental Biology meeting (March 27 – April 2, 2015) in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 4. Renae Jackson** (Kinesiology, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 25th Congress of the International Society of Biomechanics (July 12-16, 2015) in Glasgow, Scotland.
- 5. Taylor Lane** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, Pomona)
Award: \$725 for travel to present research at the General Meeting of American Society for Microbiology (May 30 – June 2, 2015) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 6. Mark Lek** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2015 Scientific Sessions Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, Peripheral Vascular Disease (ATVB/PVD) (May 6-9, 2015) in San Francisco, California.

- 7. Jordan Montgomery** (Biology, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$1,275 for travel to present research at the 20th International *C. elegans* Meeting (June 24-28, 2015) in Los Angeles, California.
- 8. Linette Nalbandyan** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2015 Keystone Symposia Conference: Genome Instability and DNA Repair (March 1-6, 2015) in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.
- 9. Phuc Nguyen** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (March 29 – April 1, 2015) in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 10. Alexander Salomon** (Biological Sciences, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society for the Study of Reproduction (June 18-22, 2015) in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 11. Joshua Silva** (Biological Science, CSU Fullerton)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Experimental Biology meeting (March 27-31, 2015) in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 12. Trevor Thorsen** (Biology, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society For Microbiology General Meeting (May 29 – June 3, 2015) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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 32 applications from 13 campuses.

Eight Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

- 1. Eric Haas-Stapleton** (Biological Sciences, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology (August 8-16, 2015) in Vancouver, Canada.
- 2. Gregory Holland** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,130 for travel to collect data at the Magnetic Resonance Research Center (MRRC) at Arizona State University (ASU) (March 25 – April 4, 2015) in Tempe, Arizona.
- 3. Antje Lauer** (Biology, CSU Bakersfield)
Award: \$1,095 for travel to present research at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Coccidioidomycosis Study Group (April 9-11, 2015) in La Jolla, California.
- 4. David Lent** (Biology, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society for Neuroscience (October 17-21, 2015) in Chicago, Illinois.

5. **Saikat Pal** (Biomedical and General Engineering, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,467 for travel to present research at the 25th Congress of the International Society of Biomechanics (July 11-17, 2015) in Glasgow, Scotland.
6. **Joseph Ross** (Biology, CSU Fresno)
Award: \$1,318 for travel to train in techniques at the University of California, Davis (August 3-7, 2015) in Davis, California.
7. **David Stout** (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2015 EMN Biomaterials Conference (April 8-13, 2015) in Beijing, China.
8. Elizabeth Waters (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Plant Biology 2015 Meeting (July 25-30, 2015) in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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>