

## CSUPERB Announces 19 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 12 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the Spring 2023 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 19 awards totaling \$28,500 to CSU faculty and students at 12 CSU campuses.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 27 proposals from students and faculty at 13 different CSU campuses. Individual awards are listed in alphabetical order below.

### Student Travel Grant Awards

The opportunity to present research results, participate in workshops 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 20 student applications from 11 campuses.

Fourteen Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **David Benterou** (Environmental Studies, San José State University)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at 10th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress (12/4/2023 to 12/8/2023) in Monterey, CA.
2. **Georgina Gabriela Canto Encalada** (Joint Doctoral Program Cellular and Molecular Biology, San Diego State University)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at German Conference on Bioinformatics (9/11/2023 to 9/15/2023) in Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany.
3. **Patra Holmes** (Biochemistry, San Francisco State University)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science - National Diversity in STEM Conference (10/25/2023 to 10/29/2023) in Portland, Oregon.
4. **Recamier Jauregui-Ocampo** (Psychology, California State University, Chico)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Society for Neuroscience 2023 Annual Meeting (11/11/2023 to 11/15/2023) in Washington D.C.
5. **Noorulhoda Kazemi** (Physics, California State University, Northridge)

Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at SPIE Optics + Photonics conference (8/20/2023 to 8/24/2023) in San Diego, CA.

6. **Oh Byung Kwon** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at California Department of Public Health – Vector-Borne Diseases Surveillance Sites (7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024) in Del Norte County to Alameda County, California, USA.
7. **Daniel Papasergia** (Psychology, California State University, Chico)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Society for Neuroscience 2023 Annual Meeting (11/11/2023 to 11/15/2023) in Washington D.C.
8. **Anthony Perez** (Chemistry, California State University, Sacramento)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Eurocarb21 (7/8/2023 to 7/14/2023) in Paris, France.
9. **Jorge Rodríguez** (Biochemistry, San Diego State University)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Pacific Northwest Cryo-EM Center, Portland, OR (8/13/2023 to 8/20/2023) in Portland, OR.
10. **Stephanie Ruck** (Biology, California State University, San Bernardino)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (7/12/2023 to 7/16/2023) in Norfolk, VA.
11. **Dikshant Sagar** (Computer Science, California State University, Los Angeles)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at International Conference on Biomedical Signal and Image Processing Applications (8/9/2023 to 8/11/2023) in New York, NY.
12. **Vanessa Tamayo** (Biology, California State University, Northridge)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Gordon Research Conference in Applied and Environmental Microbiology (7/16/2023 to 7/21/2023) in South Hadley, MA.
13. **Emily Urquidi** (Biology, California State University, San Bernardino)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (7/12/2023 to 7/16/2023) in Norfolk, VA.
14. **Damian Ventura** (Chemistry, California State University, Fullerton)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at ACS Conference 2023 (8/13/2023 to 8/17/2023) in San Francisco.

### **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 7 faculty applications from 6 campuses.

Five Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Shawn Bates** (Psychology, California State University, Chico)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Society for Neuroscience 2023 Annual Meeting (11/11/2023 to 11/15/2023) in Washington D.C.
2. **Anna Bezryadina** (Physics and Astronomy, California State University, Northridge)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at SPIE Optics + Photonics (8/20/2023 to 8/24/2023) in San Diego, CA.
3. **Bree Grillo-Hill** (Biological Sciences, San José State University,  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Cell Bio 23 (12/2/2023 to 12/6/2023) in Boston, MA.
4. **Morgan Hawker** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, Fresno)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at 69th Annual American Vacuum Society International Symposium and Exhibition (11/4/2023 to 11/12/2023) in Portland, Oregon.
5. **Christopher Heylman** (Biomedical Engineering, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)  
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at Genentech (1/22/2024 to 1/26/2024) in South San Francisco, CA.

*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 Ikhide Imumorin (Executive Director, CSUPERB; [iimumorin@sdsu.edu](mailto:iimumorin@sdsu.edu)). The database of CSUPERB grant awards can be searched at: <http://csuperb.org/grants/database/>. Program impacts, including student outcomes and annual reports, can be found at the program dashboard: <https://csuperb.org/grants/csuperb-data-dashboard/>.*