



CSUPERB Announces 17 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 6 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the fall 2013 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 17 awards totaling \$22,847 to CSU faculty and students at 10 CSU universities.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 81 proposals from students and faculty at 6 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 24% 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 45 applications from 13 campuses.

Eleven Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

- 1) **Andrew Cutting** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research results at the Gordon Research Conference on Autophagy in Stress, Development and Disease (March 15-21, 2014) in Lucca, Italy.
- 2) **Silas Ellison** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,500 to conduct research at the Gladstone Genomics Core, UCSF (January 15-16, 2014) in San Francisco, California.
- 3) **Alexandra Fetsko** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,117 for travel to present at the Academic Screening Workshop (September 17 – 18, 2013) in Baltimore, Maryland.
- 4) **Emma Kelsey** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,430 for travel to present research results at the Pacific Seabird Group Annual Meeting (February 19-22, 2014) in Juneau, Alaska.
- 5) **Shana McDevitt** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to attend a workshop at the "Programming for Biology" Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Short Course (October 13-29, 2013) in Cold Spring Harbor, New York.

- 6) **Megan Monsanto** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,450 for travel to present research results at the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions (November 15-20, 2013) in Dallas, Texas.
- 7) **Lauren Paaske** (Biological Sciences, CSU Long Beach)
Award: \$1,200 for travel to present research results at the Society for Neuroscience 43rd Annual Meeting (November 9-13, 2013) in San Diego, California.
- 8) **Kevin Pham** (Biology, Fresno State University)
Award: \$1,195 for travel to present research results at The Evolution 2014 Conference (June 20-24, 2014) in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 9) **Sashary Ramos** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,475 for travel to present research results at the 247th American Chemical Society National Meeting (March 16-20, 2014) in Dallas, Texas.
- 10) **Malika Sahni** (Biology, Fresno State University)
Award: \$1,435 for travel to present research results at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) annual meeting (April 5-9, 2014) in San Diego, California.
- 11) **William Yee** (Biomedical, Chemical and Materials Engineering, San José State University)
Award: \$950 for travel to present research results at the 2013 Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting (September 25-28, 2013) in Seattle, Washington.

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 25 applications from 13 campuses.

Six Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

- 1) **Tzvia Abramson** (Biological Science, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research results at the International Bordetella Meeting 2013 (September 9-13, 2013) in Dublin, Ireland.
- 2) **Mike Bergdahl** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research results at the 24th Organikerdagarna – The Swedish National Meeting in Organic Chemistry (June 10-13, 2014) in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 3) **Jenny Cappuccio** (Chemistry, Humboldt State University)
Award: \$780 for travel to conduct research at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (March 17-20, 2014) in Berkeley, California.

- 4) **Justus Ortega** (Kinesiology, Humboldt State University)
Award: \$1,315 for travel to present research results at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting and World Congress on Exercise in Medicine (May 27-31, 2014) in Orlando, Florida.

- 5) **Joseph Ross** (Biology, Fresno State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research results at The Evolution 2014 meeting (June 20-24, 2014) in Raleigh, North Carolina.

- 6) **Katherine Wilkinson** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research results at the Experimental Biology meeting (April 26-30, 2014) in San Diego, California.

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>