



CSUPERB Announces 19 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 14 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the spring 2018 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 19 awards totaling \$27,989 to CSU faculty and students at 14 CSU campuses.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 83 proposals from students and faculty at 18 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 23% of the proposals received. 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 52 student applications from 15 campuses.

Twelve Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Bhvandip Bajwa** (Chemistry, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 256th American Chemical Society National Meeting (8/19/2018 to 8/23/2018) in Boston, Massachusetts.
2. **Roger Berton** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Los Angeles)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology Microbe 2018 Meeting (6/7/2018 to 6/11/2018) in Atlanta, Georgia.
3. **Katie Harrington** (Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, California State University, Monterey Bay)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to conduct research at the Saunders Island Field Site (6/21/2018 to 7/21/2018) in West Falkland, Falkland Islands.
4. **Jordyn Kamitono** (Chemistry, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1,084 for travel to present research at the 255th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition (3/17/2018 to 3/23/2018) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
5. **Hoang Nguyen** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Gordon Conference on the Molecular Basis of Microbial One-Carbon Metabolism (7/29/2018 to 8/3/2018) in Newry, Maine.
6. **Eu (Andrew) Ooi** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, Bakersfield)
Award: \$1,420 for travel to present research at the 255th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition (3/18/2018 to 3/21/2018) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

7. **Amit Pal** (Electrical and Computer Engineering, California State University, Los Angeles)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2018 Sensornets Conference (1/20/2018 to 1/26/2018) in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal.
8. **Stephanie Perez** (Biology, California State University, Dominguez Hills)
Award: \$1,485 for travel to present research at the 13th International Zebrafish Conference (6/20/2018 to 6/24/2018) in Madison, Wisconsin.
9. **Anneka Pisula** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology Microbe 2018 Meeting (6/7/2018 to 6/11/2018) in Atlanta, Georgia.
10. **Chyna Swan** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 21st Annual American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy Meeting (5/15/2018 to 5/19/2018) in Chicago, Illinois.
11. **Stephanie Valencia** (Biological Sciences, Humboldt State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2018 Michael, Marcia, and Christa Parseghian Scientific Conference for Niemann-Pick Type C Research (6/2/2018 to 6/5/2018) in Tucson, Arizona.
12. **Chloe Welch** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Sacramento)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society for Developmental Biology 77th Annual Meeting (7/20/2018 to 7/24/2018) in Portland, Oregon.

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 31 faculty applications from 15 campuses.

Seven Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Alessandro Bellofiore** (Biomedical, Chemical and Materials Engineering, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 8th World Congress of Biomechanics (7/8/2018 to 7/13/2018) in Dublin, Ireland.
2. **Catherine Brennan** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Fullerton)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Translational Immunometabolism Cell Symposium (6/20/2018 to 6/29/2018) in Basel, Switzerland.
3. **Wilfred Denetclaw** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society for Developmental Biology 77th Annual Meeting (7/20/2018 to 7/24/2018) in Portland, Oregon.
4. **Deborah Fraser** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 27th International Complement Workshop (9/16/2018 to 9/21/2018) in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

5. **Karen May-Newman** (Mechanical Engineering, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Meeting (4/8/2018 to 4/15/2018) in Nice, France.
6. **David Stachura** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Chico)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 13th International Zebrafish Conference (6/20/2018 to 6/24/2018) in Madison, Wisconsin.
7. **Cawa Tran** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Chico)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 2018 International Symbiosis Society Congress (7/14/2018 to 7/22/2018) in Corvallis, Oregon.

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 Susan Baxter, Executive Director, CSUPERB (sbaxter@sdsu.edu). The database of CSUPERB grant awards can be searched at: <http://csuperb.org/grants/database/>