



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 2017 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 21 awards totaling \$30,183 to CSU faculty and students at 11 CSU campuses.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 87 proposals from students and faculty at 17 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 24% 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 55 applications from 13 campuses.

Twelve Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

- 1. Dixie Blumenshine** (Biological Sciences, Humboldt State University)
Award: \$1,225 for travel to present research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (11/01/2017 to 11/04/2017) in Phoenix, Arizona.
- 2. Matthew Brown** (Mechanical Engineering, California State University, Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the SPIE Smart Structures and Materials + Nondestructive Evaluation and Health Monitoring meeting (03/03/2018 to 03/08/2018) in Denver, Colorado.
- 3. Bryan Christian** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Cell Biology/European Molecular Biology Organization 2017 meeting (12/01/2017 to 12/06/2017) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 4. Noah Jaffe** (Biology, San Francisco State University)
Award: \$1,309 for travel to conduct research at the Oregon Field Sites (11/04/2017 to 11/08/2017) in Oregon.
- 5. Kathryn Johnston** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, Bakersfield)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 3rd International Conference on Enzymology and Molecular Biology (03/04/2018 to 03/07/2018) in London, United Kingdom.

6. **Aidan Kim** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Cell Biology/European Molecular Biology Organization 2017 meeting (12/01/2017 to 12/06/2017) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
7. **Nicole Lukasko** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology Microbe meeting (06/04/2018 to 06/11/2018) in Atlanta, Georgia.
8. **Michael Martinez** (Biological Sciences, Humboldt State University)
Award: \$955 for travel to present research at the 2017 International Research Symposium - CurePSP (10/26/2017 to 10/28/2017) in San Francisco, California.
9. **Ann Marie Moreno (Hurlburt)** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,029 for travel to present research at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory: Mechanisms of Eukaryotic Transcription Meeting (08/29/2017 to 09/02/2017) in Cold Spring Harbor, New York.
10. **Terrence-Thang Huy Nguyen** (Chemistry, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 255th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition (03/17/2018 to 03/22/2018) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
11. **Pravien Rajaram** (Chemistry, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 255th American Chemical Society National Meeting (03/18/2018 to 03/22/2018) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
12. **E. Brandon Strong** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the The 21st International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences (MicroTAS 2017) (10/22/2017 to 10/26/2017) in Savannah, Georgia.

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 17 campuses.

Nine Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Amanda Evans** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, California State University, Fullerton)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the SELECTBIO - Flow Chemistry India meeting (01/14/2018 to 10/19/2017) in Mumbai, India.
2. **Bree Grillo-Hill** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Annual Drosophila Research Conference (04/10/2018 to 04/15/2018) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

3. **Kambiz Hamadani** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, San Marcos)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to conduct research at the Heinrich-Heine-Universität
Duesseldorf, Laboratory of Prof. Dr. Claus Seidel (06/01/2018 to 06/27/2018) in
Duesseldorf, Germany.
4. **Mikkel Jensen** (Physics & Astronomy, California State University, Sacramento)
Award: \$1,347 for travel to present research at the 62nd Annual Biophysical Society
Meeting (02/17/2018 to 02/21/2018) in San Francisco, California.
5. **Julie Simons** (Sciences and Mathematics, California State University Maritime Academy)
Award: \$1,154 for travel to present research at the International Symposium on
Biomathematics and Ecology: Education and Research (10/05/2017 to 10/08/2017) in
Normal, Illinois.
6. **Christal Sohl** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Keystone Symposia Conference:
Tumor Metabolism (01/21/2018 to 01/25/2018) in Snowbird, Utah.
7. **Elizabeth Waters** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the The International Conference on
Arabidopsis Research (06/25/2018 to 06/29/2018) in Turku, Finland.
8. **Abraham Wolcott** (Chemistry, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the National Meeting of the American
Chemical Society (03/18/2018 to 03/22/2018) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
9. **Alejandra Yep** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic State University, San
Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the ASM Microbe General Meeting of the
American Society for Microbiology (06/07/2018 to 06/11/2018) in Atlanta, Georgia.

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@mail.sdsu.edu). The database of CSUPERB grant awards can be searched at: <http://csuperb.org/grants/database/>