

CSUBIOTECH Announces 20 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 11 Campuses

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CSUBIOTECH is pleased to announce the Fall 2023 round of travel grant awards. CSUBIOTECH is making 20 awards totaling \$29,456 to CSU faculty and students at 11 CSU campuses.

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 CSUBIOTECH 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. CSUBIOTECH reviewed 24 student applications from 12 campuses.

Fourteen Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Kimberly Aguilar** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Virology 2024 meeting (6/24/24 – 6/28/24) in Columbus, Ohio.
2. **Sandra Banzon** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society for Reproductive Investigation (3/12/24 – 3/16/24) in Vancouver, CA.
3. **Ava Besecker** (Marine Science, California State University, Monterey Bay)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to conduct research at La Calera, Isabela Island (1/10/24 – 1/20/24) in Galapagos, Ecuador.
4. **Justin Brasil** (Biology, Sonoma State University)
Award: \$1,494 for travel to present research at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting 2024 (SICB) (1/2/24 – 1/6/24) in Seattle, Washington.
5. **Dylan CapittiFenton** (Biochemistry, California State University, Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to conduct research at the Brian Shoichet Lab, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UCSF (1/8/24 – 1/28/24) in San Francisco, CA.
6. **Tamsen Dunn** (Evolutionary Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1,202 for travel to present research at the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) 2024 (1/6/24 – 1/7/24) in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.
7. **Zachary Ferrenberg** (Animal Science, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the International Association of Food Protection Conference (7/14/24 – 7/17/24) in Long Beach, California.

8. **Vanjaminne Fua** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic State University, Pomona)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Biology of Host-Parasite Interactions Gordon Research Conference (6/9/24 – 6/14/24) in Newport, RI.
9. **Kathleen Huynh** (Chemistry, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Chemical Society Spring 2024 Meeting (3/16/24 – 3/21/24) in New Orleans, LA.
10. **Bryan Kang** (Molecular Cell Biology and Physiology, California State University, Long Beach)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Discover BMB, Annual American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology meeting (3/23/24 – 3/26/24) in San Antonio, TX.
11. **Jasmine Moallem** (Animal Science, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the International Association for Food Protection Annual Meeting (7/13/24 – 7/17/24) in Long Beach, CA.
12. **Arturo Ramirez** (Physics, California State University, Northridge)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the CLEO: Laser Science to Photonic Applications meeting (5/5/24 – 5/10/24) in Charlotte, NC.
13. **Zoe Upham** (Molecular Biology, San José State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the The Allied Genetics Conference (3/6/24 – 3/10/24) in Washington D.C.
14. **Arpit Vaishya** (Computer Science, California State University, Los Angeles)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the IEEE International Conference on AI for Medicine, Health, and Care (2/4/24 – 2/7/24) in Laguna Hills, CA.

Faculty Travel Grant Awards

CSUBIOTECH recognizes that opportunities to present research and project results are crucial to professional career development. The CSUBIOTECH 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. CSUBIOTECH reviewed 7 faculty applications from 7 campuses.

Six Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Juanita Jellyman** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society for Reproductive Investigation (3/12/24 – 3/16/24) in Vancouver, CA.
2. **Nathan Rank** (Biology, Sonoma State University)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting 2024 (1/2/24 – 1/6/24) in Seattle, WA.
3. **Justin Shaffer** (Biology, California State University, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1,490 for travel to present research at the Fungal Genetics Conference (3/12/24 to 3/17/24) in Pacific Grove, CA.
4. **Hyunjin Shim** (Biology, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Uncovering Patterns in the Evolution and Structure of Natural and Social Phenomena meeting (1/2/24 – 1/12/24) in Bohol, Philippines.
5. **Michael Stanton** (Public Health, California State University, East Bay)
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Psychosomatic Society (3/19/24 – 3/25/24) in Brighton, UK.

6. **Katherine Wilkinson** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1,320 for travel to present research at the American Physiological Summit (4/4/24 – 4/7/24) in Long Beach, CA.

For more information about these grant programs, see the CSUBIOTECH website (<https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/research/csubiotech/Pages/grants-and-awards-programs.aspx>) or contact Ikhide Imumorin, Executive Director, CSUBIOTECH (iimumorin@sdsu.edu). The database of CSUPERB grant awards can be searched at: <https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/research/csubiotech/Pages/grants.aspx>.