

CSUBIOTECH Announces 20 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 9 Campuses

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CSUBIOTECH is pleased to announce the Fall 2024 round of travel grant awards. CSUBIOTECH is making 20 awards totaling \$28,380 to CSU faculty and students at 9 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 23 student applications from 8 campuses.

12 Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Wahida Akter** (Molecular Biology, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 2025 American Physiology Summit meeting (04/24/2025 - 04/27/2025) in Baltimore, MD.
2. **Jannike Allen** (Biology, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting (08/10/2025 - 08/15/2025) in Baltimore, MD.
3. **Pricilla Ceja** (Biological Science, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt)
Award: \$1500 for travel to conduct research at the Museo de Historia Natural de la Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (MUSM) (05/20/2025 - 05/30/2025) in Lima, Peru, South America.
4. **Sergio Flores** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Long Beach)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Immunology 2025 meeting (05/3/2025 - 05/8/2025) in Honolulu, HI.
5. **Joshua Garcia** (Biochemistry, California State University, Long Beach)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Chemical Society Spring 2025 meeting (03/23/2025 - 03/27/2025) in San Diego, CA.

6. **Naman Ghumman** (Microbiology, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the GRC Cell Biology Vascular meeting (01/12/2025 - 01/17/2025) in Ventura, CA.
7. **Mia Guraydin** (Microbiology, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Meeting (04/12/2025 - 04/15/2025) in Chicago, IL.
8. **Manuel Madrigal** (Biology, California State University, San Bernardino)
Award: \$1020 for travel to present research at the 2025 American Physiology Summit (04/24/2025 - 04/27/2025) in Baltimore, MD.
9. **Parnian Pour Bahrami** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Meeting (04/11/2025 - 04/16/2025) in Chicago, IL.
10. **Emily Andersen** (Biology, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 2025 American Society for Microbiology, Microbe meeting (06/19/2025 - 06/23/2025) in Los Angeles, CA.
11. **Eric Thompson** (Chemistry, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1334 for travel to present research at the ACS Spring 2025 Conference (03/23/2025 - 03/27/2025) in San Diego, CA.
12. **Alan Wong** (Molecular Biology, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 66th Annual Drosophila Research Conference (03/19/2025 - 03/23/2025) in San Diego, 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 16 faculty applications from 11 campuses.

Eight Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **James Jancovich** (Biological Sciences, California State University San Marcos)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 2025 XXV International Poxvirus, Asfarvirus and Iridovirus Conference (05/18/2025 - 05/23/2025) in San Antonio, TX.
2. **Xiaoxu Jiang** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, San Bernardino)
Award: \$810 for travel to present research at the American Biophysical Society 69th (2025) Annual Meeting (02/15/2025 - 02/19/2025) in Los Angeles, CA.

3. **Hope Johnson** (Biological Science, California State University, Fullerton)
Award: \$1250 for travel to present research at the West Coast Bacterial Physiologists Annual Asilomar Meeting (12/12/2025 - 12/14/2025) in Pacific Grove, CA.
4. **Karen Kiemnec-Tyburczy** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt)
Award: \$1466 for travel to conduct research at Ohio State University (09/7/2025 - 09/21/2025) in Columbus, OH.
5. **Liz Kyonka** (Psychology, California State University, East Bay)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 51st Annual Convention, Association for Behavior Analysis International meeting (05/21/2025 - 05/27/2025) in Washington, DC.
6. **Chris Miller** (Psychology, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the European Psychiatric Association meeting (04/4/2025 - 04/8/2025) in Madrid, Spain.
7. **Siroj Pokharel** (Animal Science, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) meeting (07/27/2025 - 07/30/2025) in Cleveland, OH.
8. **Justin Shaffer** (Biology, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 2025 American Society for Microbiology, Microbe meeting (06/19/2025 - 06/23/2025) in Los Angeles, 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>.