The Office of Research in partnership with the Research Foundation provides undergraduate and graduate research students the opportunity to present their work and compete for selection as SJSU representatives at the annual CSU Student Research Competition. Applications are made to the appropriate college and each college submits their selections to the Office of Research.

Who is eligible for funding?

Students eligible to compete at SJSU and at the CSU-wide competition are undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled, as well as alumni/alumnae who received their degrees in Spring (May 2019), Summer (August 2019), or Fall (December 2019) of the prior academic year. The research presented should be appropriate to the student's discipline and career goals. Proprietary research is excluded. Each college may send forward a total of four student projects (undergraduate and/or graduate) representing outstanding research or creative activity.

How much funding is available?

SJSU representatives will receive funds for expenses for reasonable travel/accommodations to the CSU Student Research Competition. Travel will be covered by a monetary award to the student.

When can I apply for funding?

The SJSU Student Research Competition is held on campus annually in February during the academic year. The Office of Research needs all applications from the colleges submitted no later than February 17, 2020.

The college specific deadlines for receipt of applications by students are below:

- **Lucas College and Graduate School of Business** – Application packets should be submitted to the Business Dean’s Office via email to marco.pagani@sjsu.edu, by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020.
- **Connie L. Lurie College of Education** – Application packets should be submitted via email to luriecollege@sjsu.edu by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020.
- **Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering** – Application packets should be emailed as a single integrated pdf file to Engineering-Research@sjsu.edu by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020.
- **College of Health and Human Sciences** – Application packets should be submitted to the CHHS Dean’s Office via email to laurie.drabble@sjsu.edu by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020.
- **College of Humanities and the Arts** – Application packets should be submitted to the Humanities and the Arts Dean’s Office via email to humanities-arts@sjsu.edu by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020.
- **College of Professional and Global Education** – Application packets should be submitted to the College of Professional and Global Education Dean’s Office via email to Cpge-deans-office@sjsu.edu by 5:00pm on Monday, February 3, 2020.
- **College of Science** – Application packets should be submitted to science-info@sjsu.edu with subject line “Student Research Competition” by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020.
- **College of Social Sciences** – Application packets should be submitted to the Social Sciences Dean’s Office via email to edelmira.figueroa@sjsu.edu by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020.
Below is a timeline of activities for the Student Research Competition:

**January 31 - February 8, 2020** – Students submit application to their respective colleges.

**February 17, 2020** – Deadline for colleges to send up to four applications to the Office of Research.

**February 18, 2020** – Office of Research notifies successful SJSU student applicants.

**February 24 and February 27, 2020** – SJSU Student Research Competition presentations from 1:30 pm to 5:00pm in MLK 225 on February 24th and 1:30pm to 6:00pm on February 27th.

**February 28, 2020** – SJSU Student Research Competition finalists will be notified of competition results and given next steps which include creation of a digital poster using the Office of Research template.

**March 10, 2020** – Finalists from the Student Research Competition will email their digital poster to the Office of Research.

**March 13, 2020** – SJSU notifies CSU of SJSU representatives for the statewide competition.

**March 15, 2020** – SJSU finalist register for competition via the CSU Student Research Competition 2020 website.

A written summary must be provided with each registration.

**March 26, 2020** – The Celebration of Research in the Student Union Ballroom from 3:00 – 6:00pm.

**April 24, 2020, and April 25, 2020** – Annual CSU Student Research Competition at California State University, East Bay.

**Funding Requirements?**

Proposal applications must contain the following:

- A completed application; and
- A written summary (not to exceed 5 double-spaced pages and must use fonts and margins that ensure legibility) with the following elements:
  - Name(s) of the students and the title of the presentation;
  - Appendices (bibliography, graphs, photographs or other supplementary material) may not exceed three additional pages;
  - Research that has human or animal subject involvement must have proper clearance from appropriate review committees ([IRB](#), [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee](#)) if applicable.
Divisions of Competition

Divisions of competition have been defined by CSU-wide procedures and the CSU-defined divisions are indicated below:

**Group A**
- Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Business, Economics, and Public Administration
- Creative Arts and Design*
- Education
- Humanities and Letters
- Interdisciplinary Majors

**Group B**
- Biological and Agricultural Sciences
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences
- Physical and Mathematical Sciences

*Creative projects are welcome, see SJSU Oral Presentation section for more information.

SJSU Student Research Competition Presentations

The SJSU Student Research Competition presentations will consist of an oral in person presentation in front of the University Graduate Studies & Research (GS&R) Sub-Committee and students, faculty, staff, and members of the community. Student research will be presented on February 24, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. and February 27, 2020 from 1:30p.m. to 6:00p.m. (or as the number of eligible participants dictates) in MLK 225. Students in Group B will make their presentations on February 24; those in Group A will present on February 27. Each student or multi-student group will have 10 minutes to present her or his research orally and 5 minutes to listen and respond to juror and audience questions. Students are encouraged to use delivery techniques that promote interaction with the audience. All entrants may use audio visual materials as appropriate. An entrant in the Creative Arts and Design category may present an audio and/or visual record of a performance s/he has given or a work s/he created; the oral presentation should focus on the rationale and historical context underlying the student’s interpretation of the material. Successful students in previous years often have been those who practiced with their advisors or other faculty and students. It is expected that students will not make oral presentations by simply reading directly from their research summaries.

Evaluation Criteria

The University Graduate Studies & Research (GS&R) Committee will evaluate the research summary and the oral presentation to identify finalists for the CSU-wide competition using the same evaluation criteria that will be used in the CSU-wide competition. The evaluation criteria are as follows:

- Clarity of the purpose;
- Appropriateness of methodology;
- Interpretation of results;
- Value of the research or creative activity;
- Ability of presenter to articulate the research or creative activity;
- Organization of the material presented; and
- Presenter’s ability to handle questions from the jury or general audience.

Within two weeks of the event, the Office of Research will provide written feedback to each student (or each group) on her/his presentation.
SJSU Celebration of Research

The Celebration of Research sponsored by the SJSU Research Foundation and the Office of Research will be held from 3:00 – 6:00pm on Thursday, March 26, 2020, in the Student Union Ballroom. Refreshments will be served. The Celebration of Research will be a celebration for students who have been selected to represent San José State University at the 34th Annual CSU Student Research Competition. At this event, SJSU finalists will receive a small monetary award that can be used to defray students’ basic travel expenses to the CSU statewide competition. Finalists in a multi-student research group have the one monetary award amount split equally between all group members. The celebration will also recognize the faculty mentors of selected students by the presentation of Distinguished Faculty Mentor awards. During the celebration, finalists will be available to discuss their research at a poster session; family and friends are invited to attend.

CSU Statewide Competition

The 34th Annual CSU Student Research Competition will be held April 24th and April 25, 2020, at California State University, East Bay. The competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments throughout the twenty-three campuses of the California State University. Evaluation criteria to be used is the same as the evaluation criteria shown above except the jurors will be comprised of experts from corporations, foundations, public agencies, and colleges and universities in California. There will be separate undergraduate and graduate divisions for each category (listed in Divisions of Competition section) unless a division has four or fewer entrants, in which case undergraduate and graduate divisions may be combined.

The California State University steering committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide the categories or to move an entrant from one category to another, as numbers of submissions necessitate. Based on the recommendations of the jurors, cash awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up in both the undergraduate and graduate divisions of each category. If the undergraduate and graduate divisions of a category have been combined because there are fewer than four presenters in one division, awards will be provided to the outstanding presenter and the runner-up without regard to class standing. In the event there are five or fewer presenters in a session, only the outstanding presenter will receive an award.

If you have questions about the SJSU Student Research Competition, please contact the Office of Research at officeofresearch@sjsu.edu or 408-924-2272.