SJSU Receives CIRM Bridges to Stem Cell Research Award

The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) recently awarded San Jose State University $3,045,000 for its Stem Cell Internships in Laboratory-based Learning (SCILL) program. SCILL is a consortium of scientists, faculty, and administrative leaders from six institutions that have made a commitment to train students at the graduate level for careers in stem cell biology. Graduates from this program will advance and accelerate stem cell therapies, and increase community awareness about scientific and societal issues related to stem cell and regenerative medicine. The SCILL director and the project’s principal investigator is Dr. Tzvia Abramson (Biological Sciences).

SJSU College of Science to Host 12th Annual Student Research Day

On Friday, May 6 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the College of Science will host the 12th Annual Student Research Day. The event will be held in Duncan Hall – Ground Level. Undergraduate and graduate students working with College of Science faculty will present their work on a wide range of original research projects in an all-college poster session. Student researchers and faculty will be available to answer questions. For additional information, please contact Dr. Roy Okuda at 924-2525.

May 12 – Research Foundation Workshop – Proposal Review Process Revealed

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by May 5

As an experienced successful principal investigator and reviewer for federal agencies, Dr. Marc d’Alarcao, Associate Dean for Research, College of Science, and Chemistry Professor, will provide an inside look at federal proposal review sessions. During this workshop Dr. d’Alarcao will provide insight on how to best position your proposal for success during evaluation.

RSVP to foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

First Round of the i3 Fund Competition Now Open

The FY 16 competition of the Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund has opened with the release of the Development pre-application. Notices of intent are strongly encouraged by May 10, 2016. Pre-applications are due May 25, 2016. Up to 11 awards are expected for $3 million each over three to five years.

The i3 Fund provides grants to applicants with a record of improving student achievement and attainment in order to expand the implementation of, and investment in, innovative practices that are demonstrated to have an impact on improving student achievement or student growth, closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, or increasing college enrollment and completion rates. The competitions for Validation and Scale-up projects are expected to open in May.

For more information visit the U.S. Department of Education website.

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USAID Announces $30 Million Challenge to Combat Zika Virus and Future Disease Threats

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is asking for groundbreaking ideas and technologies to enhance the world’s response to the current Zika virus outbreak as well as future disease threats. Approximately $30 million will be available for the program, which USAID calls Combating Zika and Future Threats: A Grand Challenge for Development. USAID is specifically looking for solutions that improve and enhance vector control (addressing the carriers of disease), personal household protection, surveillance, diagnostics, and community engagement. The competition opens April 29, 2016. The deadline for Zika-focused submissions is May 20, 2016, while the deadline for all other submissions is June 17, 2016. More information is available at the competition website and in the USAID announcement.

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HUD FY 16 Jobs Plus Grant Program Announced

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released its funding announcement for the FY 2016 Jobs Plus Initiative Grant Program. “These grants will make a meaningful impact in the lives of public housing residents and their families by providing a pathway towards self-sufficiency,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. HUD states that successful programs will include key partnerships between local housing authorities and other organizations in the community, including institutes of higher education.

The Jobs Plus program consists of the following three core components:

- Employment-Related Services
- Financial Incentives - Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID)
- Community Supports for Work

Applications are due June 13, 2016. Approximately $15 million is available to support up to five awards.

To read more, visit the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development website.

May-October Grant Application Deadlines Now Available on the SJSU Research Foundation Website

The Grant Application Deadlines Report shows application deadlines for funding opportunities that have been identified as relevant to research interests at SJSU and sent through our Funding Alert System. This current report covers the six-month period beginning May 1 through October 31. Links to sponsors funding announcements are included. To view the report, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website.

Fellowships and Scholarships

The SJSU Research Foundation receives notification of fellowship and scholarship opportunities for faculty and students. Highlights this month include:

- **Program:** Ken Reeves Memorial AccuWeather Undergraduate Scholarship in Meteorology
  - **Agency:** National Weather Association
  - **Deadline:** May 27, 2016

- **Program:** NRAEF Scholarships
  - **Agency:** National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
  - **Deadline:** June 7, 2016

- **Program:** Rotary Peace Fellowships
  - **Agency:** Rotary Foundation
  - **Deadline:** May 31, 2016

- **Program:** APTF Scholarship Program
  - **Agency:** The American Public Transportation Foundation
  - **Deadline:** June 15, 2016

- **Program:** Ed Bradley Scholarship
  - **Agency:** Radio Television Digital News Foundation
  - **Deadline:** May 31, 2016

- **Program:** APF Graduate Student Scholarships
  - **Agency:** American Psychological Foundation
  - **Deadline:** June 30, 2016