37th Annual Student Research Forum Honors SJSU Research Competition Winners

Seven outstanding student researchers will be recognized with their faculty mentors for excellence in research at the 37th Annual Student Research Forum Thursday, April 7 Noon - 2:00 P.M. (Engineering Conference Room 285/287). This event, which includes an awards ceremony followed by a reception and poster session, is hosted by the SJSU Office of Research and the SJSU Research Foundation. The following SJSU Research Competition winners will go on to represent San José State University at the 2016 CSU Student Research Competition April 29 and April 30 at California State University, Bakersfield:

- Michael Balderrama, Chemical Engineering
- Wilson Florero-Salinas and Dan Li, Statistics
- Angela Gates, Library and Information Science
- Evelynn Henry, Chemistry - Biochemistry
- Sushmitha Kasturi, Economics
- Aneesha Kulkarni, Biology

Please join the SJSU community to congratulate these outstanding students researchers and their faculty mentors.

RSVP to foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu by Monday, April 4.

April 22 – OSP Workshop – Developing Budgets for a Successful Proposal

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m. | RSVP by April 18

An important part of writing a successful grant proposal is developing a budget that clearly expresses the cost of your research project. Where do you begin when creating your budget? For example, do you plan to hire students, purchase supplies, rent space, or attend conferences? How will these costs affect your proposed budget? This workshop will be a step-by-step primer on the components of a proposal budget and how best to build a budget in response to a request for proposal (RFP). Each of the major line items in a typical budget will be discussed in detail. Important topics such as salaries, cost-sharing, facilities and administrative costs, and allowable costs will be addressed.

RSVP to Carmina Som at foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

NSF Announces New Investments in a Clean Water Future

At the White House Water Summit held on World Water Day (March 22), the National Science Foundation (NSF) joined other federal agencies to emphasize its commitment to a sustainable water future. Further demonstrating its support of national efforts to strengthen water security, access, and supply through its investments in basic science and engineering research, NSF announced the following new investments:

- $20 million to support cutting-edge water-research projects through the NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research program.
- $2 million to educate technicians for high-technology fields that drive our nation’s economy through the NSF Advanced Technology Education program.
- Two workshops planned for May and June focusing on new water technologies and systems to give new meaning to the word “wastewater.”
- A new Nanotechnology Signature Initiative on water sustainability through nanotechnology.

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A new video series to broaden awareness of water resources and conservation, water quality issues and water treatment.

Innovative solutions from community college students at the nexus of food-water-energy.

To read more visit the NSF website.

Applications Now Open for AASCU Excellence and Innovation Awards

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) is seeking applications for colleges and universities for the latest round of its Excellence and Innovation Awards. Six awards are available to honor institutional excellence and innovation in the following areas:

- Student Success and College Completion;
- Regional and Economic Development;
- International Education;
- Leadership Development and Diversity;
- Teacher Education; and
- Sustainability and Sustainable Development (a new award this year).

Successful applications will highlight programs that demonstrate the following characteristics: executive level support; connection to an institution's mission or agenda; significant institutional improvements or innovative programming; and grounding in research and best practices in the field. More information is available here. Applications are due April 22, 2016. The awards will be given out at the AASCU Annual Meeting (October 30 – November 1, 2016) and awardees will also be recognized on the AASCU website.

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IES Education Research Opportunities Posted for FY2017

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) recently posted its grant opportunities for FY2017 in Grants.gov. Opportunities cover a wide range of education and special education research. The deadline for most of the opportunities is August 4, 2016. As the major research component of the U.S. Department of Education IES offers millions in grant awards each year through its National Center for Education Research (NCER) and National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER). To view the current list of IES grant opportunities for FY2017 visit the Grants.gov website.

April-September Grant Application Deadlines 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 April 1 through September 30. 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: Graduate Fellowship Program for the Alternatives to the Use of Animals in Science
  Agency: The International Foundation for Ethical Research
  Deadline: April 29, 2016

- Program: Mike Edison Scholarship Program
  Agency: American Association for Justice
  Deadline: May 1, 2016

- Program: Scholarship Program
  Agency: Environmental Research and Education Foundation
  Deadline: May 4, 2016

- Program: W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program
  Agency: U.S. Department of Justice
  Deadline: May 16, 2016

- Program: IFMA Foundation Scholarship Program
  Agency: International Facility Management Association
  Deadline: May 27, 2016