CONGRATULATIONS TO SJSU’S 2015 CSU SYSTEM WIDE STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION WINNERS!

First Place

Katherine Watters, Biological Sciences
Title: A Novel Mechanism that Directs Neural Circuit Formation
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Miri VanHoven

Shiva Moballegh, Electrical Engineering
Title: Efficient Message Propagation in Dense Smart-Vehicular Networks
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Birsen Sirkeci

Second Place

Santrupti Nerli, Computer Science
Title: Genome-wide Prediction of Splice Sites Using Classification Trees
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sami Khuri

Mary Okin, Art History and Visual Culture
Title: The “Maiden at the Press”: Arthur F. Matthews and the Rise of the New Woman
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Beverly Grindstaff

The CSU student research competition is held annually 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 system.

NASA ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF AMES RESEARCH CENTER

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden recently announced the selection of Dr. Eugene L. Tu as the new director of the agency’s Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California, effective immediately.

Dr. Tu most recently served as the director of Exploration Technology at Ames, where he led four technology research and development divisions, including two of NASA’s critical infrastructure assets: the consolidated arc jet testing complex and the agency’s primary supercomputing facility. He began his career in aeronautics as a research scientist, conducting computational fluid dynamics research on the aerodynamics of complex aircraft configurations. Dr. Tu has previously held a broad range of research and managerial positions at the center in computational aerodynamics, information technology, and high performance computing and communications. He also served in the Office of Biological and Physical Research at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

For more information visit the Ames Research Center website.

SUMMER OMICS & BIOINFORMATICS WORKSHOP AT CSULB – JULY 7-9, 2015

Co-sponsored by the CSU Long Beach Institute for Integrated Research on Materials, Environment and Society (IIRMES) and CSULB Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD), the 2015 summer workshop offers CSU faculty and students the opportunities to gain hands-on experience and training in ‘omics’ research approaches. Workshop topics include mass spectrometry techniques, data acquisition and analyses, and quantitative omics, with laboratory-based experience in preparation and analyses of samples, protein identifications, protein-protein interactions, and post-translational modifications, among other applications.

Application deadline is June 30, 2015. Seating is limited. To register for the workshop visit the IIRMES website or the CSULB BUILD website.

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**Fraud Alert – Unsolicited Contact from CFDA Representatives!**

Recently the Federal Service Desk (FSD) has received notifications from the public stating that persons claiming to be CFDA agents have contacted them stating that recipients must first send the CFDA agent personal information or money in order to claim federal grant money.

Please be advised that the “CFDA does not use social media or direct phone contact to solicit, review, or make awards. Additionally, no government staff will call or message you requesting money in order to be eligible for an award.” Please report any information and documentation that you have related to any such incidents to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) and to local law enforcement authorities. Incidents can also be reported to the GSA Inspector General using their Fraud Line (1-800-424-5210), via e-mail fraudnet@gsaig.gov, or using the web form.

**Proposal Routing During Summer Months**

It is important to notify your sponsored programs manager at the SJSU Research Foundation as soon as you know that you plan to submit a proposal and well in advance of the sponsor’s submittal deadlines. It is especially important during the summer months, as some of the proposal signers’ schedules may change. As a result, routing a proposal for review and signature may take longer during the summer than during the regular school year. Also, please keep in mind that sponsors continually ask institutions to submit their proposals prior to the actual published deadline. To honor sponsor requests, our goal is to submit at least two (2) working days before a published deadline.

While SJSURF and SJSU now use a system called Cayuse to expedite the preparation and electronic routing of many proposals, the signer schedules and commitments still have an impact on the time available for review and approval. To meet the proposal preparation, review, and submittal goals, sponsored programs managers must have your proposal documents ready for routing and review by authorized signers at least seven (7) working days prior to the date your proposal is to be submitted by the Research Foundation. Based on the sponsor guidelines and requirements for your particular solicitation your sponsored programs manager will discuss the specific proposal development needs and document submittal timeline with you as you work together on your proposal submittal.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

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

- **Program:** OVC FY 2015 Victim Assistance Professional Development Fellowship Program: Vision 21 Translation and Dissemination of Statistical Data  
  **Agency:** U.S. Department of Justice  
  **Deadline:** June 15, 2015

- **Program:** 2015 Visiting Fellows: Criminal Justice Statistics Programs  
  **Agency:** U.S. Department of Justice  
  **Deadline:** June 16, 2015

- **Program:** FY 2015 Victim Services Language Access Fellowship Program  
  **Agency:** U.S. Department of Justice  
  **Deadline:** June 24, 2015

- **Program:** 2015 Summer Omics and Bioinformatics Workshop  
  **Agency:** Institute for Integrated Research in Materials, Environments, and Society  
  **Deadline:** June 30, 2015

- **Program:** Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Basic Biomedical Sciences  
  **Agency:** Whitney (Helen Hay) Foundation  
  **Deadline:** July 1, 2015

- **Program:** Research Grants and Postdoctoral Fellowships  
  **Agency:** National Ataxia Foundation  
  **Deadline:** July 15, 2015