March 12 – SJSURF Workshop: Colleague Collaboration Connection

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257    |     Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  |  RSVP by March 6

Come meet colleagues at this fast-paced mixer that will introduce you to the amazing variety of expertise and research activities of the SJSU faculty and staff. You will have the opportunity to have brief one-on-one discussions about your research interests and efforts with most attendees in timed intervals. Near the end of the workshop there will be additional opportunity to have longer discussions with potential collaborators to set the stage for moving forward with your successful colleague collaboration connections from there.

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

NSF Award to Support Silicon Valley Innovation & Entrepreneurship Scholarships Program

The San Jose State University Research Foundation recently received notice of award for a National Science Foundation grant in the amount of $599,642 to support the SJSU College of Engineering’s “Silicon Valley Innovation & Entrepreneurship Scholarships (SVIES) Program.” The program will award annual renewable scholarships to academically talented graduate engineering students at SJSU who have demonstrated a financial need. The SVIES program will be directed by Dr. Jacob Tsao and Dr. Ahmed Hambaba from the College of Engineering and is designed to provide graduate students with opportunities to learn about innovation and entrepreneurship, to equip them with methods for facilitating innovation and entrepreneurship, and to give them direct access to mentoring support from leading and start-up companies in Silicon Valley.

March 11 and 12, 2015 – Student Research Competition at SJSU

The 2015 SJSU Student Research Competition will take place March 11 and 12, 2015 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. in IRC 101. Undergraduate and graduate students will have an opportunity to present their research and compete for selection as SJSU representatives at the CSU statewide competition at California State University San Bernardino on May 1 and 2, 2015.

To identify SJSU finalists, the University Graduate Studies & Research Committee will evaluate student research presentations using the same evaluation criteria that will be used in the statewide competition. The evaluation criteria are as follows:

- Clarity of 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
Winners of the SJSU Student Research Competition and their mentors will also be honored at the Annual SJSU Student Research Forum April 8, 2015 at Noon in Engineering 285/287. The Student Research Forum is sponsored by the SJSU Research Foundation and SJSU Office of Research.

For questions about the Student Research Competition, contact Jeanine Jones by phone 408-924-3355 or email jeanine.jones@sjsu.edu. For questions about the Student Research Forum contact Brenda Swann by phone 408-924-1414 or email brenda.swann@sjsu.edu.

**TIPS FOR APPLICANTS FROM THE NIH CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC REVIEW**

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) recently posted and updated several resources to help the community understand more about the peer review process.

Their [CSR’s Insider’s Guide to Peer Review](#) is now updated with new advice on how to produce a highly competitive grant application. These tips, collected from current and former chairs of review study sections, are valuable to new and established applicants alike.

Additionally, CSR has posted recordings of their [Meet the Experts in NIH Peer Review webinar series](#) for new applicants, each focusing on a different type of funding program: Research Project Grants (primarily focusing on the R01), Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA/R15s), fellowship awards, and small business grants (SBIR/STTR).

CSR is the portal for receipt and referral of NIH grant applications, and, handles their review for scientific and technical merit for the majority of those applications.

Posted on January 31, 2015 by NIH Staff Extramural Nexus

**SJSU RESEARCH FOUNDATION COMPARATIVE AWARDS AND PROPOSAL STATISTICS**

Summary of the January 2015 reports for contract and grant awards received and proposals submitted by the SJSU Research Foundation:

- **Awards** - 11 awards were received for a total of $803,600.79.
- **Proposals** - 30 proposals requesting a total of $8,334,745.00 were submitted to sponsoring agencies.

To view the full reports, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website and click “Award and Proposal Statistics” listed under Quick Links. If you have comments or questions regarding the reports or the other Office of Sponsored Programs services, please contact OSP Director, Jeanne Dittman at (408) 924-1434 or email jeanne.dittman@sjsu.edu.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

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