**Student Research Forum Honors SJSU Student Research Competition Winners**

Location: Engineering Room 285/287 | Time: Noon to 2:00 P.M. | RSVP by April 7

Seven outstanding student researchers will be recognized with their faculty mentors for excellence in research at the 35th Annual Student Research Forum. This event, which includes an awards ceremony followed by a reception and poster session, is hosted by the SJSU Office of Graduate Studies and the SJSU Research Foundation.

The following student winners will go on to represent San Jose State University at the 2014 CSU Student Research Competition May 2 and May 3 at California State University, East Bay: Hanjiro Ambrose – College of Social Science, Environmental Studies, Kirandeep Deol – College of Science, Chemistry, Anne Jurek – College of Science, Geology, Samantha Lewis – Humanities and the Arts, Interior Design, Charles Petersen – College of Science, Mathematics, Mark Pinto – Humanities and the Arts, Photography, and William Slocumb – College of Engineering, Materials Engineering.

**SJSU Congratulates 2014 NSF GRFP Awardees and Honorable Mentions**

The National Science Foundation recently announced the results of its 2014 Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) competition. This year SJSU students and alumni are among those who were selected for the award and three others received honorable mentions.

Congratulations to the following GRFP award winners: SJSU student Joy Franco – Electrical Engineering, SJSU alumni Farah Memon – Biomedical Engineering (Stanford Univ.), and Han-Ngoc Tran – Biochemistry (UCSF).

Congratulations to the following honorable mentions: SJSU students Andy Dang – Chemistry, Kirandeep Deol – Chemistry, SJSU alumni Brian Nguyen – Physical Chemistry/Chemical Physics (University of Illinois), and Heather Wright – Molecular Biology (UC Irvine). “The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based masters and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions.” To learn more about the NSF GRFP competition, please visit the Graduate Research Fellowship Program website.

**April 17 – OSP Workshop – National Institutes of Health R15 AREA Program**

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

The National Institutes of Health Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) program supports small-scale research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students at educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds. The goals of the program are to “support meritorious research, expose students to research, and strengthen the research environment of the institution.” Come to this workshop to hear about program updates and eligibility, and receive tips on how to develop a competitive AREA application.

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April 26 – Kevin Corker Alumni Symposium and Social Event
Location: Engineering, Room 189 | Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. | RSVP by April 20

The 2014 Kevin Corker Alumni Symposium will feature keynote speaker Dr. Leon Segal, Innovationship LLC. During the half day session Dr. Segal will present his exciting Human Factors: Innovation’s Secret Weapon workshop. The symposium will be followed by an evening reception at nearby Bella Mia restaurant in downtown San Jose. This event is open to all current students, incoming students, and alumni. To learn more about this event and to RSVP please visit the SJSU Human Factors and Ergonomics Society website.

The VITAL Initiative – Assisting Veterans at SJSU
Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) is a veteran–centered, results oriented, collaboration between the Veterans Administration Medical Center and San Jose State University. The VITAL Initiative facilitates adjustment to and success in academic life for the many veterans studying at the university.

If you are a veteran enrolled at SJSU, VITAL can assist you with VA services, and will partner with you to resolve issues and find much needed resources. If you are faculty, staff, or an administrator, VITAL is able to provide you with the resources to support enrolled student veterans, including insight about military and veteran culture and consultations on specific issues that impact performance and retention. And if you are a principal investigator (PI) looking for students and staff for your project, please also keep VITAL in mind as a potential source of candidates. For more information about VITAL, please visit the VITAL Initiative website or contact VITAL Coordinator, Damian Bramlett by email at damian.bramlett@sjsu.edu or by phone (408) 924-5462.

The National Institute on Aging to Promote a New Initiative
The National Institute on Aging intends to promote a new initiative by publishing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) focused on the epigenetic analysis of aging as a risk factor for chronic disease and degenerative conditions. A successful research plan would include a multidisciplinary team able to develop and plan collaborations focused on understanding epigenetic mechanisms of aging-as-a-risk factor for chronic diseases and degenerative conditions. The intended outcomes would be an evaluation of the technical requirements, types of epigenetic data, clinical parameters, and candidate human subjects cohorts or populations that would lead to identification of aging-specific epigenetic features that contribute to the increased risk of developing diverse chronic diseases or degenerative conditions. The funding opportunity announcement is expected to be published in Spring 2014 with a grant application due date in Fall 2014. For more information visit the NIH website.

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

Program: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Deadline: April 13, 2014

Program: NIDRR: Mary Switzer Research Fellowships
Agency: U.S. Department of Education
Deadline: April 14, 2014

Program: Scholar and Fellow Award Programs
Agency: National Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence
Deadline: April 15, 2014

Program: Applied Social Issues Internship Program
Agency: Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Deadline: April 25, 2014