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A publication featuring sponsored program information, trends, and opportunities. To view the bulletin online, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website at www.sjsu.edu/researchfoundation.

CELEBRATING PI SUCCESS AND PARTNERSHIP THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – PLEASE JOIN US!

Location: SJSU Research Foundation 210 N. 4th Street | 4th Floor Conference Room | **Time:** 2:30 pm. to 4:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to our annual PI Appreciation and Ice Cream Social, honoring SJSU principal investigators (PIs). As members of the SJSU community, we are proud to partner with SJSU faculty, students, administrators, and staff in support of research, scholarship, and creative activities. Please join us in celebrating the success of SJSU's principal investigators, and our continued partnership and collaboration. R.S.V.P via Email to: researchfoundation@sjsu.edu.

OPEN ENROLLMENT – NOW THRU OCTOBER 4, 2019

Open Enrollment for plan year 2020 began September 9, 2019 and will end October 4, 2019. Changes made during Open Enrollment take effect January 1, 2020. Be sure to plan ahead, and visit the [Calpers website](#) for plan changes and details that may impact your decisions for the coming year. Benefit fairs are being held at three locations on the following dates:

- **NASA Ames** Building 262 Room 100 – September 16, 2019 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Research Foundation Central Office** 4th Floor Lobby – September 17, 2019 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Moss Landing Marine Labs** Main Lobby – September 19, 2019 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **SJSU Main Campus** Student Union – September 24, 2019 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To access additional enrollment-related documents, visit the [Research Foundation Open Enrollment webpage](#).

NEH PRESS RELEASE FEATURES TWO SJSU RESEARCHERS

In its August press release, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced awards totalling **\$29 million supporting 215 humanities projects** across the United States. Program areas that received funding include the following: Collaborative Research, Digital Humanities Advancement, Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities, Landmarks of American History and Culture, Media Projects: Development and Production, Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions, Public Humanities Projects, Public Scholar Program, Scholarly Editions and Translations, Summer Seminars, and Sustaining Cultural Collections.

NEH listed all of its awardees in the press release by state and geographic area. Among the awardees included are San José State University **English Professor Susan Shillinglaw** for her project titled **John Steinbeck: Social Critic and Ecologist**, and **Communication Studies Professor Matthew Spangler** for his project titled **The Immigrant Experience in California through Literature and History**. **Congratulations to both award recipients!**

To view the entire list of grantees and awarded projects, visit the [NEH website](https://www.neh.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/NEH-Grant-Awards-August-2019-PDF.pdf) (<https://www.neh.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/NEH-Grant-Awards-August-2019-PDF.pdf>).

GRANTS.GOV IS SAYING GOODBYE TO THE D-U-N-S® NUMBER

In December 2020, Grants.gov will replace the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number with a **SAM Managed Identifier (SAMMI) number**. As stated on the its web page, over the next 18 months, the **U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)** will "phase out the D-U-N-S® as the official identifier for doing business with the government."

Instead of the currently used 9-digit identifier designed by the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation, grant applicants, contractors, and sponsored research administrators will be introduced to a "new, non-proprietary identifier requested in, and assigned by the System for Award Management (SAM.gov)" to assign, track, and record submitted grant applications.

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REMINDER: COST OF LIVING/INFLATIONARY INCREASES ON NIH PROPOSALS ARE NOT ALLOWED

In response to a frequently asked question regarding increases in competing grants, NIH provides the following guidance: "There is an important difference between what an applicant can request and what NIH will actually provide on an award. Applications with a detailed budget can continue to request cost-of-living/inflationary increases in accordance with institutional policy. We recognize that institutions may desire to do this to document actual needs for budgeting and accounting purposes. However, depending on budgetary circumstances, it is likely that requests associated solely with inflationary increases will be eliminated from the awarded budget." The agency will however, continue to consider requests associated with special needs (e.g., equipment, added personnel or increased effort).

Source: NIH Fiscal Policy FAQ page. Reference: NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-12-036.

REFERENCE LETTER OR LETTER OF SUPPORT? WHICH ONE SHOULD WE INCLUDE?

Although both documents provide important information for agency reviewers, it is sometimes difficult to determine which document to include with the proposal. In the September 11, 2019 edition of *Extramural Nexus*, NIH provides clarification on when to use each of the documents and who should write them. **Reference letters** are to be used in fellowships, mentored Career Development Awards, and other programs as requested, and should be written by "individuals not directly involved in the application, but who are familiar with the applicant's qualifications. The sponsor/co-sponsor(s) cannot be counted toward the three required references." **Letters of support** are to be "used to demonstrate: institutional commitment or resources, collaboration or role in the project, potential or current user of a resource or service proposed in the application." Letters of support should be written by "collaborators, key personnel, institution, and other significant contributors to the scientific development or execution of the project."

LIMITED SUBMISSIONS – UPCOMING SJSU INTERNAL DEADLINES

NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI)

SJSU Internal Deadline: September 30, 2019

Sponsor Deadline: January 8, 2020

NSF Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM (CCE STEM)

SJSU Internal Deadline: October 18, 2019

Sponsor Deadline: February 22, 2020

DHHS Outstanding New Environmental Scientist (ONES) Award (R01)

SJSU Internal Deadline: October 18, 2019

Sponsor Deadline: February 28, 2020

NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM)

SJSU Internal Deadline: November 8, 2019

Sponsor Required LOI Deadline: March 25, 2020

SEPTEMBER–FEBRUARY GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES NOW AVAILABLE

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 the Research Foundation Funding Alert System. The current report covers the six-month period beginning September 1 through February 29. 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 Research Fellowship Program](#)

Agency: [Welder \(Rob & Bessie\) Wildlife Foundation](#)

Deadline: October 1, 2019

Program: [Traditional Fulbright American Student Awards](#)

Agency: [Fullbright Canada](#)

Deadline: October 8, 2019

Program: [Pathfinder Graduate Student Fellowships](#)

Agency: [Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science](#)

Deadline: October 31, 2019

Program: [Margaret A. Davidson Graduate Fellowships for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System](#)

Agency: [Dept. of Commerce/NOAA](#)

Deadline: December 20, 2019