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36TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM HONORS SJSU RESEARCH COMPETITION WINNERS

Ten outstanding student researchers will be recognized with their faculty mentors for excellence in research at the 36th Annual Student Research Forum Wednesday, April 8 Noon - 2:00 P.M. (Eng. 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 2015 CSU Student Research Competition May 1 and May 2 at California State University, San Bernardino:

- **Andrew Donahue**, Linguistics
- **Zeynep Erturkoglu**, MBA Business Administration
- **Dennis Kwon** and **Spencer Matteson**, Electrical Engineering
- **Shiva Moballegh**, Electrical Engineering
- **Sanrupti Nerli**, Computer Science
- **Mary Okin**, Art History and Visual Culture
- **Syeda Roohi** and **Vaishak Suresh**, MS Software Engineering
- **Katherine Watters**, Biological Sciences, Physiology Concentration

APRIL 23 – OSP WORKSHOP – GRANT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP by April 17

You won't want to miss this hands on workshop! Come prepared to work on your proposal "already in progress" or to get started on new proposal. Regardless of your proposal development stage—whether you are needing to learn how to read proposal guidelines, getting started with the help of grant-writing assistance, or receiving peer review edits of what you have written, you will have the opportunity to receive targeted assistance. Because of the nature of this workshop attendance is limited to the first 15 participants to RSVP. Additional RSVPs will be placed on a waiting list for the workshop to be repeated as needed. Please also RSVP if you have grant writing or grant development experience and would like to volunteer to be a mentor at the workshop. Additional volunteers may allow us to increase the attendance limit.

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

WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES OVER \$240 MILLION IN NEW STEM INITIATIVES

President Obama announced over \$240 million in new STEM initiatives to help inspire and prepare students—especially those from underrepresented groups—to excel in STEM fields. The announcement coincided with last week's [White House Science Fair](#) and includes the following initiatives:

- \$150 million for a philanthropic effort to empower a diverse cadre of promising early-career scientists to become scientific leaders of tomorrow;
- \$90 million for the "Let Everyone Dream" campaign to expand STEM opportunities to underrepresented youth;
- \$25 million for a Department of Education competition to create science and literacy themed media that inspires students to explore STEM;

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- 120 universities and colleges committing to train 20,000 engineers to tackle the “Grand Challenges” of 21st century; and
- A commitment from CEO coalition [Change the Equation](#) to expand effective STEM programs to an additional 1.5 million students this year.
- Learn more about these initiatives at whitehouse.gov.

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FAQs ABOUT THE 2015 AND 2016 NSF CAREER PROGRAM SOLICITATION NOW POSTED

Frequently asked questions about the 2015 and 2016 Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program Solicitation are now posted on the NSF website. Please note that the questions and answers refer to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the CAREER Program Solicitation, and are not to be treated as a modification of the program solicitation. Please read the CAREER Program Solicitation and refer to the general information about NSF proposal submission including the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) submission guidelines. To view the FAQs please visit the [NSF website](#).

NIH HIGHLIGHTS NEW GUIDELINES FOR AWARDS

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently shared highlights from its [Interim Grant General Conditions](#) document, which provides updated guidelines for all new and supplemental funding provided by NIH under Notices of Award issued on or after **December 26, 2014**. Awardees who received their Notice of Award before December 26, 2014 are not affected by these changes. Highlights of the new guidelines include:

- An added option for institutions of higher education that have never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to choose to indefinitely use a rate of 10% of modified total direct costs;
- An update on rules for charging administrative and clerical costs to grants as direct costs;
- Rules granting permission to charge computing devices that are not solely dedicated to grant performance as direct costs; and
- New rules affecting child care costs when traveling under a research grant.

The Interim Grant General conditions will remain in effect until the Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) finalizes its plans for implementation of the Office of Management and Budget’s [Uniform Guidance](#). The **Update on NIH’s Implementation of Federal Grant Policies** was posted on March 2, 2015 in Extramural *Nexus Rock Talk*. An FAQ sheet about the changes can be found on the [NIH Office of Extramural Research web page](#). A prerecorded [Uniform Guidance Implementation PowerPoint Presentation](#) by NIH staff is also available online.

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FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Program: [Kirschstein-NRSA Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity \(F31\)](#)

Agency: National Institutes of Health

Deadline: April 13, 2015

Program: [Office of Science Graduate Fellowship Program](#)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Deadline: April 14, 2015

Program: [Academic Scholarships](#)

Agency: American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation

Deadline: May 1, 2015

Program: [Scholarship Program](#)

Agency: Environmental Research and Education Foundation

Deadline: May 1, 2015

Program: [Psychology Summer Institute \(PSI\)](#)

Agency: American Psychological Association

Deadline: May 1, 2015