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Local Student Research Competition Held

Each year the California State University sponsors a system-wide CSU Student Research Competition. The purpose of this competition is to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments throughout the 23 campuses of the California State University.

On Saturday, March 5, 2007, Research Administration hosted the 21st Annual Local Sacramento State Student Research Competition. Eight students from various disciplines competed.

The first place winner was **Pang Moua**, an undergraduate student in the Biological Sciences. Her presentation was entitled, "The Effects of *Datisica Glomerata* on Two Breast Cancer Cell Lines, MDA-MB 231 and BT-474." She demonstrated that an aqueous extract of *Datisica glomerata* (Durango root) was shown to have cytotoxicity towards these breast cancer cell lines grown in culture. Pang received a \$200 prize, plus the opportunity to compete at the statewide competition.

This year all eight students who participated in the local competition have been invited to compete in the Statewide Student Research Competition, May 4th and 5th at California State University, Dominguez Hills. The students and their research topics are as follows:

Meenal S. Abhyankar, Graduate, Chemistry, Topic: *Use of Tracers to Estimate Influence of Smoke from Forest Fires on CA Central Valley Cities*

Catalina Alvarez, Undergraduate, Social Work, Topic: *The Views of Domestic Violence through the Perspective of Immigrant Mexican Women as a Norm in their Romantic Relationships*

Ryan Bibler, Undergraduate, History, Topic: *Interpretations of Herodotus' Account of the Battle of Thermopylae*

Elizabeth Glidewell, Undergraduate, Biology, Topic: *Morphometrics as a Method to Determine Sexual Dimorphism in the Convict Cichlid*

Erika Holland, Graduate, Biological Sciences, Topic: *Reproductive Biochemistry of Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)*

Lusi Marcia Martin, Undergraduate, Food and Nutrition, Topic: *A Study of Eating Habits and Perception of Coronary Heart Disease Risk in African American Female College Students*

Kim Nelson, Undergraduate, Biological Sciences, Topic: *Protein Biochemistry of Cichlid Fish Eggs*

Research Administration would like to encourage students to compete next year at the local competition which will be held March 1, 2008. For more information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.csus.edu/research/student/researchcomp.htm> or contact Adrienne Lawson-Thompson at (916) 278-3667.

Notices

2006-2007 President's Award Recipient

Dr. Ali Porbaha, Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, has been selected as the 2006-2007 recipient of the President's Award for Research and Creative Activity. This award was established in 1989 and is given each year to recognize extraordinary research and creative activity over the past five years by a member of the Sacramento State faculty. Nominees for the award must be in their first ten years of service at Sacramento State. Professor Porbaha is the eighteenth recipient of this award.

Dr. Porbaha received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Shiraz, Iran. His graduate work was done in geotechnical engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park where he received both his M.S. and his Ph.D. He is the author or co-author of more than two dozen peer-reviewed articles in major professional publications. In addition, he is the author or co-author of more than thirty peer reviewed conference publications. Dr. Porbaha has recently been awarded a NSF grant to develop a facility for a Seismic Simulation Laboratory to simulate earthquake engineering research.

For more on Dr. Porbaha and the President's Award, go to <http://www.csus.edu/research/funding/pa/announcement.htm>.

Animal Care and Use Meeting

The Spring 2007 Training Session on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals will be held on Monday, April 30th from 12:30 to 1:30 in Room 2008, Modoc Hall. Lunch will be served at noon. Dr. Marshall will review aspects of research with animals (scientific merit), consideration of proper field studies, sterile techniques for rodent surgery, and issues concerning the well being of laboratory animals. All faculty, staff and students involved in the humane care and use of laboratory animals are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Terry Manns at 8-7565 or jtmanns@csus.edu.

CHHS Research Fellows Program Announced

Are you interested in receiving financial support to conduct a pilot study that will lead to a submission of a grant proposal to an outside agency such as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation or the Health Resources and Services Administration? If so, consider applying for the EARDA Research Fellows Award. This award provides between \$7,000 and \$10,000 per year and fellows will have the opportunity to work with a mentor who has been previously funded by a federal grant. Funds can be used for faculty release time; personnel to collect and/or analyze data; the purchase of equipment, supplies, and instruments; and travel funds to present research findings at a conference.

Although multidisciplinary collaborations across the university are encouraged, one of the investigators on each award must be a full time faculty member from the College of Health and Human Services.

For more information including the CHHS Research Fellows application package, contact Dr. Bonnie Raingruber, Director of the Center for Health and Human Services Research at walkerbj@csus.edu. Applications are expected to be due early in October of 2007 with funding to begin between January and December of 2008.

Upcoming Human Subjects Deadlines

Protocol submissions are due by noon on the Monday TWO WEEKS prior to each meeting. Protocols received after the submission deadline will be reviewed at the next meeting.

MAY MEETING
Submission Deadline:
Monday, May 7

CPHS Meeting Date:
Monday, May 21

SEPTEMBER MEETING
Submission Deadline:
Monday, September 10

CPHS Meeting Date:
Monday, September 24

OCTOBER MEETING
Submission Deadline:
Monday, October 8

CPHS Meeting Date:
Monday, October 22

To access the human subjects manual, protocol submission forms, and a complete list of deadlines, go to:
<http://www.csus.edu/research/humansubjects/index.htm>.

Notices

Funding Alert Newsletter

The April 2007 issue of Funding Alert is now available online. The newsletter is published monthly to alert the campus community to possible sources of external support for research, scholarly and creative activities. Both an abbreviated listing and a more detailed version are available on the web at

<http://www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/index.htm>. To subscribe to receive Funding Alert directly by email, contact Shannon Fredrickson at fredrick@csus.edu.

Upcoming Workshops

Focus on Foundations Workshop

Each year foundations nationwide provide substantial funding in support of research, scholarly activities and programmatic initiatives of impact. On Friday, May 11, 2007, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the University Union, California Suite, an informational workshop will be given to help faculty tap into these resources and identify private sources that have the potential to turn ideas into reality.

Representatives from Research Administration and the Development Office in University Advancement will discuss their role in this process and provide reference materials to help faculty identify and apply for funding from private sources.

To RSVP contact Sonya Lovine at lovinesd@csus.edu or 278-3668.

Proposal Writing Workshop

Research Administration is conducting a one and half day intensive workshop that will cover the following topics:

- Identifying funding opportunities
- Elements of a grant proposal
- Proposal budgets
- Electronic grant proposal submission
- Proposal review process

The workshop will be held in the Modoc Hall, Willow Suite on Tuesday, June 5th and Wednesday, June 6th. The first day is scheduled to go from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, and the second day will go from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

For more information or to RSVP for this workshop, contact Shannon Fredrickson at fredrick@csus.edu.

North Central Information Center Receives SCA Award

Each year the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) makes a number of awards at its annual meeting to those who have distinguished themselves documenting, researching, or preserving California's unique cultural heritage. This year the Thomas F. King Award for Excellence in Cultural Resources Management will be given to the Information Centers of the California Historical Resource Inventory System. One of these centers, the North Central Information Center (NCIC), is located here at Sacramento State. History professor Lee Simpson is the Principal Investigator and Sally Torpy is the NCIC Coordinator.

Foreign Language Instruction Needs Boost Says National Academy

In order to promote the study of foreign languages and to augment awareness and knowledge of foreign cultures, the National Academy's National Research Council has proposed the creation of a "national language czar" within the Department of Education (ED) reports *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The Council's recommendation was based on a review of the current level of federal support for foreign language education; despite current programs running at full capacity there still are not enough funds to cover the growing need for foreign language proficiency adequately. University National Resource Centers and Language Resource Centers provide the majority of foreign language education in the country, but the financial support they receive from Title VI of the Higher Education Act and the Fulbright-Hays Act has not increased over time.

A "language czar" within ED could change this and make sure the government properly supplements university resources. The hope is that such action would help prepare the nation for any sudden future needs in foreign language proficiency (e.g. the recent rise in requirements for Arabic and Chinese translators and interpreters). The use of technology in language education will also be a key focus of subsequent funding decisions.

For more, visit

<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=11841>.

NEH Digital Humanities Initiative to Grow in 2008

The Digital Humanities Initiative (DHI) of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is not currently managed by any one NEH division. However, this is all set to change by fiscal year 2008 when restructuring of the current organization of NEH will most likely include the creation of a DHI director in order to better coordinate and integrate digital projects into the NEH's overall mission of promoting the humanities.

According to Senior Program Officer Fred Winter at the NEH Office of Challenge Grants, digital humanities projects will have specific funds set aside for federal fiscal year 2008. "We're going to keep on seeing a big push in digital projects for some time to come" says Winter, emphasizing that schools interested in obtaining NEH monies should do all they can to design research to take advantage of the latest in computer technology, and use digital assets in new and exciting modes in regards to the humanities. This is important as the mandate of many of these projects dictates that funded proposals have to serve as models for other institutions to follow and recommends that finished research includes some component for public dissemination.

Some examples of related research include efforts to bring instruction of humanities fields to virtual worlds such as [Second Life](#), the increasingly popular Internet community that uses three-dimensional graphics to create an alternate world, that lacks the traditional limitations of reality, for users to explore and communicate in. The ability to import a growing list of digital content (e.g. PowerPoint presentations, audio and video files) into the user experience of Second Life makes it a formidable platform for short and long distance education immersion.

Other projects in progress include a joint partnership with The Library of Congress to publish online over a million pages of archived newspapers and a self-contained, academically based 3-D software application being worked on by UCLA. UCLA's virtual reality would not only allow users to "travel" through the ancient city of Rome, but would also permit the user to conduct on-the-fly research by "selecting" any building or event in sight. Once a selection has been made the program would pull up all known related primary documents, both in the original language and English, for the user to peruse. The possibility of adding secondary documents that are in the public domain, or whose authors have given permission for their content to be shared, is another application that could be made available within this groundbreaking tool.

Collaborations with other interested federal agencies towards these admirable goals have already gotten underway. The Institute of Museum and Library Services/NEH Digital Partnership brings to the public a variety of digital resources such as electronically available archives and documents, as well as digital exhibits meant to enhance the visitor experience. In addition, a currently discussed alliance with the Department of Energy (DOE) intends to take advantage of the hardware prowess existing in the DOE's pool of supercomputers in order to power ambitious software applications in the humanities. You can visit NEH's website (<http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html#dhi>) for a full list of all the digitally related grants currently being offered.

Further information is also available online at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/digitalhumanities.html> or by contacting Winter by e-mail at fwinter@neh.gov.

Research Methods and Analysis Webcast Series

Sacramento State is partnering with the Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis (CARMA), a non-profit unit of the School of Business at Virginia Commonwealth University, to allow faculty and students the opportunity to hear the latest methodological developments relevant to their research.

The last webcast in 2006-2007 series will be held Friday, May 18, 2007, at 9 am in Library 11. The topic is **Repeated Measures for ANOVA and MANOVA** and will be presented by Dr. Jorge Mendoza of the University of Oklahoma.

These webcasts are free and open to all faculty and students of Sacramento State. Off-campus participants may attend at no cost, but must register in advance.

To RSVP, contact Sonya Lovine at 278-3668 or lovinesd@csus.edu.

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Agency Alerts

Increasing Funds Available for Child Obesity Research and Prevention

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has promised \$500 million over five years to help children increase their physical activity and eat healthier foods reports *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* (subscription required). Many health professionals agree that child obesity is one of the largest health problems in the nation. Even with such a substantial award being offered there is still a significant need for the development of further research into preventing the occurrence of child obesity. For more information, visit <http://rwjf.org/>.

In addition to the RW Johnson Foundation, the following organizations have also recently contributed to the fight against youthful obesity:

California Endowment -
<http://www.calendow.org/>

Dr. Robert C. and Veronica Atkins Foundation -
<http://www.atkinsfoundation.org/>

William J. Clinton Foundation -
<http://www.clintonfoundation.org/index.htm>

American Heart Association -
<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1200000>

W.K. Kellogg Foundation -
<http://www.wkkf.org/Default.aspx?LanguageID=0>

Making a Case for NIH Funding

A group of universities has produced a report highlighting advances in medical research and in turn making the case for increased funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The report is called "Within Our Grasp - Or Slipping Away? Assuring a New Era of Scientific and Medical Progress." The report asserts that the doubling of the NIH budget between 1998 and 2003 enabled researchers to achieve historic progress. Since then the budget has stagnated, and as a result some work has been halted and eight out of 10 grant applications now go unfunded according to NIH figures. The flat budget combined by inflation accounts for an eight percent loss in purchasing power for NIH. The report also questions whether the United States will be able to maintain its global leadership in biomedical research if the flat funding continues. To access the report, visit http://hms.harvard.edu/public/news/nih_funding.pdf.

NIH Debuts Award to Launch Creative New Investigators

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced a new grant mechanism specifically designed to foster the research careers of promising young biomedical and behavioral scientists. This award will support young researchers who have not yet won an NIH research project grant or similar peer reviewed research grant. Applicants must hold an independent research position at a domestic institution and must have received a doctorate or completed a medical internship and residency in 1997 or later.

The New Innovator Award addresses two important goals: stimulating highly innovative research and supporting promising new investigators. This program acknowledges that new investigators may have exceptionally innovative research ideas, but not the required preliminary data to fare well in the traditional peer review system.

For more, visit
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/innovator_award.

NSF Report Reveals Sources of Funding and Growth Trends

Federal funding of academic research and development (R&D) reached \$29.2 billion in fiscal year 2005, 64 percent of all R&D funding received by academia, according to a report issued by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Department of Health and Human Services provided the largest share of federal funding for research by universities in FY 2005 (\$15.9 billion), primarily in support of the medical and biological sciences, and NSF itself provided the second largest amount of federal funding (\$3.5 billion). Most of its funding went toward research and development in engineering and the biological, computer, environment and physical sciences. Non-government funding for research and development in academic science and engineering fields rebounded from a three-year decline and grew by 7.7 percent, reaching an all-time high of \$2.3 billion in FY 2005. Data comes from NSF's annual "Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges." To access the report, visit <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/infbrief/nsf07311/#tab4>.

Request for Qualified Chemistry Reviewers

NSF's Division of Chemistry seeks to enhance its pool of qualified proposal reviewers. Researchers in the chemical sciences who have not previously reviewed for the Division of Chemistry, but are interested in doing so may contact NSF by visiting their website at <http://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?org=CHE> and completing the online registration form.

Opportunities for Student, Novice and Senior Mathematicians

The Division of Mathematical Sciences of the National Science Foundation (NSF) is seeking proposals under its University-Industry Cooperative Research Programs in the Mathematical Sciences (UICRP). The program has an annual deadline of **June 2**.

Designed to support industrial experiences for university-based scientists, and academic experiences for industrial scientists, UICRP includes four separate mechanisms meant to build partnerships, foster exchange, enrich participants' experiences, and, perhaps most important, serve the national interest by merging "the discovery of new knowledge and the enhancement of a skilled workforce."

University-Industry Postdoctoral Research Fellowships provide a total of \$111,000—about two-thirds NSF contribution and one-third contribution by an industry sponsor—to recent PhD recipients holding non-tenured academic positions. Awardees split their time equally between their university and their chosen industrial setting over the two year award period and act as a conduit between the two sectors while broadening their own experience.

University-Industry Senior Research Fellowships provide partial sabbatical support of up to \$60,000, salary plus fringe benefits, to senior academic and industrial researchers engaged in up to a year's worth of collaborative research. University-based participants gain the industrial experience to mentor their students more effectively after time spent in an industrial environment, while industry-based participants bring new perspectives and enhanced agendas to mathematics departments through their full-time engagement at a university.

Finally, UICRP supports the advancement of student researchers through *Industry-Based Graduate Research Assistantships*, under which the student becomes the conduit between industry and academia, dividing his or her time between the two; and *Industry-Based Graduate Cooperative Fellowships*, which provide full-time industry research experiences for participants. Both graduate opportunities call for 50 percent cost share by students' host institutions, with a total NSF contribution of up to \$20,000 per student for projects lasting up to a year.

Further information is available online at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=156&org=NSF&sel_org=NSF&from=fund or by contacting Lloyd Douglas by e-mail at ldouglas@nsf.gov.

SBIR/STTR Programs Engage University Researchers in Small Business R&D

The Department of Commerce's Small Business Administration (SBA) administers the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and its companion Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program. Since their inception in 1982, SBIR and STTR have helped thousands of small businesses to realize the technological potential of their inventions and facilitated many inventions' commercialization.

A significant majority of the awards made through both programs involve higher education. In some situations faculty members strive to further develop their own innovations by creating an independent company, or university faculty and staff partner with independent entrepreneurs. All awards under these two programs require involvement of qualified research facilities which makes relationships with higher education often essential to success.

The SBIR program is a highly specialized form of funding for small firms (less than 500 employees) to perform cutting-edge R&D that addresses the nation's most critical scientific and engineering needs. These needs span the technology spectrum -- from aviation and agriculture to energy and manufacturing.

The federal agencies that participate in the SBIR/STTR program release periodic solicitations calling for R&D solutions in areas of interest to the agency. The programs are coordinated out of the Small Business Administration (SBA), but each of the eleven federal agencies and departments that are required to set aside a portion of their R&D funds for awards to small business has its own mechanism for making grants and contracts. Participating agencies include the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security and Transportation, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation.

ZYN Systems, a private technology and management consulting firm specializing in Technology Transfer, SBIR/STTR programs, and commercialization, maintains a website (<http://www.zyn.com/sbir/>) that pulls together information about opportunities available through all participating agencies. Information available through this site includes agency-specific solicitations, deadlines for applications, and previously funded projects. Visitors to the site can also register to receive a newsletter.

Recent Awards Received

Academic Affairs

Michaeline Veden, Academic Technology and Creative Services

California Department of Boating & Waterways, \$141,665

Graphic Design, Products, Print, Web Development & Maintenance (MOU 1)

Michaeline Veden, Academic Technology and Creative Services

Public Health Institute, \$2,340

Skin Cancer Prevention Media (Amendment 1)

Michaeline Veden, Academic Technology and Creative Services

California Department of Parks & Recreation, \$5,500

Diablo Stove Restoration Training Film

Michaeline Veden, Academic Technology and Creative Services

California Department of Boating & Waterways, \$141,665

Graphic Design, Products, Print, Web Development & Maintenance of AquaSMART (MOU 2)

Michaeline Veden, Academic Technology and Creative Services

Kern County Superintendent of Schools, \$12,500

FCMAT Teleconference, February 26, 2007

College of Arts & Letters

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies/Journalism

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, \$200,000

Brokers of Expertise

Charles Postel, History

San Juan Unified School District, \$45,411

Teaching American History Grant - "Knowing History, Thinking History"

Lee Simpson, History

California Department of Transportation, \$10,000

North Central Information Center (Amendment No. 5)

Stephen Blumberg, Music

County of Sacramento, \$12,520

2007 Cultural Arts Awards Program: 30th Annual Festival of New American Music

College of Business Administration

Dennis Tootelian

California Department of Conservation, \$94,145

Review of Research and Current Sampling Design Plans, Practices, and Methods

Dennis Tootelian

California Department of Parks & Recreation, \$27,970

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park - Franklin House Feasibility Study (Task Order 6)

College of Continuing Education

Susan Gonzalez

California Department of Corrections, \$46,755

CDCR/CA Summit for Safe Communities

Recent Awards Received (Continued)

College of Continuing Education

William Sharar

Cheongju University, Korea, \$31,044

English Language and American Culture Program (1/16/07 -2/23/07)

William Sharar

Cheongju University, Korea, \$67,635

English Language and American Culture Program (1/16/07 - 5/25/07)

William Sharar

Nihon University of Japan, \$28,800

English Language and American Culture Program (2/9/07 - 3/8/07)

College of Education

Karen Horobin, Teacher Education

David and Lucile Packard Foundation, \$150,000

A California State University-California Community College Degree Pathway

David Jelinek, Teacher Education

Davis Joint Unified School District, \$19,014

Agreement for Dr. Jelinek's Time for Spring 2007

Crystal Olson, Teacher Education

California Arts Council, \$3,000

MOSAICS Project Arts Resource Faire 2007

Nadeen Ruiz, Teacher Education

Migrant Education Region 23, \$131,609

Summer Migrant Academy

College of Engineering & Computer Science

Ramzi Mahmood, Civil Engineering

KriStar Enterprises, Inc., \$5,000

KriStar Enterprises Agreement (Amendment 1)

Eric Matsumoto, Civil Engineering

UC San Diego, \$82,446

Development of Precast Bent Cap Systems for Seismic Regions

Madeleine Fish, MESA/MEP

Intel Foundation, \$15,000

MEP Fast-Track to Success and Confidence in Math program

Jaime White, MESA/MEP

Intel Foundation, \$47,667

MEP Honors Partnership

College of Health & Human Services

Ernest Uwazie, Criminal Justice

The World Bank Group, \$10,000

Compilation of Case Studies, Database and Lessons on Alternative Dispute Resolution

Recent Awards Received (Continued)

College of Health & Human Services

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden, Criminal Justice

California Department of Corrections, \$180,000

Review of CDCR Current Inmate Gang Management and Housing Practices

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden, Criminal Justice

Governor's Office of Emergency Services, \$91,429

Technical Expertise, Consulting Services and Evaluation of Cal-MMET Program

Daryl Parker, Kinesiology & Health Science

Commission on Correctional Peace Officer, \$23,760

Juvenile Corrections Core Course, Task Order 8

Roberto Quintana, Kinesiology & Health Science

El Dorado Union High School District, \$117,761

Body Composition Measurements & Nutrition Analysis of High School Students

College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Kevin Cornwell, Geology

Natural Heritage Institute, \$40,000

Physical and Hydrological Characteristics of Mountain Meadows

Judi Kusnick, Geology

Intel Foundation, \$20,000

Science in the River City and Open Science Summer Institute

Randy Phelps, Physics & Astronomy

National Science Foundation, \$56,497

Synoptic Astronomy, the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope, & the Virtual Observatory

College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

Mark Basgall, Archaeological Research Center

California Department of Transportation, \$12,163

Historical Archaeological Services (MOU 80)

Donna Hoenig-Couch, Center for California Studies

Judicial Council of California, \$20,000

Courses for a Certificate in Judicial Administration

Terri Sexton, Economics

UC Davis, \$10,128

Extension of UCD Agreement No. 99-01420E (Amendment No. 7)

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