



## CSUPERB Announces 19 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 12 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the spring 2017 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 19 awards totaling \$27,610 to CSU faculty and students at 12 CSU campuses.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 78 proposals from students and faculty at 17 different CSU campuses. Averaged across the two programs, awards were made to 24% of the proposals received. Individual awards are listed in alphabetical order below.

### A. Student Travel Grant Awards

The opportunity to present research results or collect research data is crucial to biotechnology students' professional development. The CSUPERB Student Travel Grant Program supports CSU student travel to biotechnology-related professional meetings and workshops or to collect biotechnology-related data at shared instrumentation facilities or research sites. CSUPERB reviewed 48 applications from 12 campuses.

Twelve Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Noor Bala** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, CSU Long Beach)  
Award: \$1,402 for travel to present research at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Meeting 2017 (04/21/2017 to 04/26/2017) in Chicago, Illinois.
2. **Corey Clatterbuck** (Biology, San Diego State University)  
Award: \$1,474 for travel to collect research data at the California field sites at Año Nuevo Island, San Mateo County and Alcatraz Island, San Francisco (05/07/2017 to 05/30/2017) in San Francisco and Santa Cruz, California.
3. **Steve Flammer** (Biology, San Francisco State University)  
Award: \$1,393 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology Microbe 2017 meeting (05/31/2017 to 06/05/2017) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. **Julia Harencar** (Biology, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)  
Award: \$1,493 for travel to present research at the Ecological Society of America meeting (08/06/2017 to 08/11/2017) in Portland, Oregon.
5. **Heajin Hong** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Long Beach)  
Award: \$1,332 for travel to present research at the Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology, American Heart Association meeting (05/03/2017 to 05/06/2017) in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

6. **Lucas Luna** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego State University)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Cold Spring Harbor Conference: Eukaryotic DNA Replication and Genome Maintenance (09/04/2017 to 09/10/2017) in Cold Spring Harbor, New York.
7. **Tara Mahendrarajah** (Biology, CSU Northridge)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 7th International Conference on Polar & Alpine Microbiology (PAM 2017) (09/06/2017 to 09/13/2017) in Nuuk, Greenland.
8. **Megan Morris** (Biology, San Diego State University)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Ecological Society of America 2017 Annual Meeting (08/06/2017 to 08/11/2017) in Portland, Oregon.
9. **Stanley Nguyen** (Biological Sciences, CSU Long Beach)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Gordon Research Conference for Cellulases and Other Carbohydrate-Active Enzymes (07/23/2017 to 07/28/2017) in Andover, New Hampshire.
10. **Daniel Santos** (Biology, San José State University)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Association of Immunologists meeting (05/12/2017 to 05/16/2017) in Washington, D.C.
11. **Sareda Schramm** (Biology, CSU Fullerton)  
Award: \$1,430 for travel to present research at the American Society for Microbiology Microbe 2017 meeting (05/31/2017 to 06/05/2017) in New Orleans, Louisiana.
12. **Cory Vierra** (Chemistry, CSU Sacramento)  
Award: \$1,416 for travel to present research at the 253rd National American Chemical Society meeting (04/02/2017 to 04/06/2017) in San Francisco, California.

## **B. Faculty Travel Grant Awards**

CSUPERB recognizes that opportunities to present research and project results are crucial to professional career development. The CSUPERB Faculty Travel Grant Program supports CSU faculty travel to biotechnology-related professional meetings and workshops or to collect biotechnology-related data at shared instrumentation facilities or research sites. CSUPERB reviewed 30 applications from 17 campuses.

Seven Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Peter Arensburger** (Biological Sciences, Cal Poly, Pomona)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the 10th Annual Arthropod Genomics Symposium (06/08/2017 to 06/10/2017) in Notre Dame, Indiana.
2. **Marina Kalyuzhnaya** (Biology, San Diego State University)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the the International Conference on Bio-Nano Innovation (ICBNI 2017) (09/21/2017 to 09/28/2017) in Brisbane, Australia.
3. **Antoni Luque** (Mathematics & Statistics, San Diego State University)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the Workshop on Geometry and Shape Analysis in Biological Sciences (Data sciences: Bridging mathematics, physics, and biology program) (06/12/2017 to 06/16/2017) in Singapore, Republic of Singapore.

4. **Jamil Momand** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSU Los Angeles)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting (03/31/2017 to 04/05/2017) in Washington D.C.
5. **Laura Newcomb** (Biology/Natural Sciences, CSU San Bernardino)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Virology - 2017 Annual Meeting (06/23/2017 to 06/29/2017) in Madison, Wisconsin.
6. **Koni Stone** (Chemistry, CSU Stanislaus)  
Award: \$1,500 for travel to present research at the American Chemical Society National Meeting (04/02/2017 to 04/05/2017) in San Francisco, California.
7. **Elizabeth Torres** (Biological Sciences, CSU Los Angeles)  
Award: \$1,170 for travel to present research at the 39th Annual ABLE (Association for Biology Laboratory Education) Conference (06/14/2017 to 06/16/2017) in Madison, Wisconsin.

*For more information about these grant programs, see the CSUPERB website (<https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/research/csuperb/Pages/grants-and-awards-programs.aspx>) or contact Susan Baxter, Executive Director, CSUPERB ([sbaxter@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:sbaxter@mail.sdsu.edu)). The database of CSUPERB grant awards can be searched at: <http://csuperb.org/grants/database/>*