



CSUPERB Announces 19 Travel Grant Awards to CSU Students and Faculty at 13 Campuses

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CSUPERB is pleased to announce the fall 2019 round of travel grant awards. Overall CSUPERB is making 19 awards totaling \$27,709 to CSU faculty and students at 13 CSU campuses.

Awards were made as part of the competitive faculty and student travel grant programs. CSUPERB reviewed 80 proposals from students and faculty at 13 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.

Student Travel Grant Awards

The opportunity to present research results, participate in workshops 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 52 student applications from 13 campuses.

Twelve Student Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Eric Aguilar** (Chemistry, California State University, Fresno)
Award: \$1500 for travel to attend a workshop at the RapiData 2020 meeting (03/30/2020 to 04/04/2020) in Menlo Park, California.
2. **Elizabeth Avila** (Kinesiology, California State University, Long Beach)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting (05/26/2020 to 05/30/2020) in San Francisco, California.
3. **Ymer Bjornson** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology meeting (04/04/2020 to 04/07/2020) in San Diego, California.
4. **Kallie Griffin** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Chico)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Keystone Symposium on Hematopoiesis (04/03/2020 to 04/07/2020) in Big Sky, Montana.
5. **Heather Larson** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Sacramento)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Allied Genetics Conference (04/22/2020 to 04/26/2020) in Washington DC.
6. **Amanda Melanese** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, California State University San Marcos)
Award: \$1368 for travel to present research at the 259th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Expo (03/22/2020 to 03/26/2020) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



7. **Tina Nguyen** (Chemistry, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology National Conference (04/04/2020 to 04/07/2020) in San Diego, California.
8. **Carla Peralta** (Chemistry, San José State University)
Award: \$1460 for travel to present research at the Biophysical Society Annual Meeting (02/15/2020 to 02/19/2020) in San Diego, California.
9. **Ielyzaveta Pomytkina** (Biological Sciences, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 30th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (04/18/2020 to 04/21/2020) in Paris, France.
10. **Kristen Rueb** (Biological Sciences, California State University, Chico)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Keystone Symposium on Hematopoiesis (04/03/2020 to 04/07/2020) in Big Sky, Montana.
11. **Kaylee Shoemaker** (Chemistry & Biochemistry, California State University San Marcos)
Award: \$1365 for travel to present research at the 259th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Expo (03/22/2020 to 03/26/2020) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
12. **Danielle Slemmons** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the The Congress of the International Society for Advancement of Cytometry (CYTO) 2020 (06/19/2020 to 06/23/2020) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 28 faculty applications from 13 campuses.

Seven Faculty Travel Grants were approved for funding:

1. **Ravinder Abrol** (Chemistry and Biochemistry, California State University, Northridge)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB) (07/12/2020 to 07/16/2020) in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
2. **Walter Adams** (Biological Sciences, San José State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the 2020 Gordon Research Conference on Microbial Toxins and Pathogenicity (07/11/2020 to 07/17/2020) in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire.

3. **Catherine Brennan** (Biological Science, California State University, Fullerton)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Immunology-2020 meeting (05/07/2020 to 05/12/2020) in Honolulu, HI.
4. **Isolde Francis** (Biology, California State University, Bakersfield)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the International Symposium on the Biology of Actinomycetes (06/20/2020 to 06/26/2020) in Toronto, Canada.
5. **Edward Himelblau** (Biological Sciences, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)
Award: \$1015 for travel to present research at the Plant and Animal Genome Conference XXVIII (01/10/2020 to 01/12/2020) in San Diego, California.
6. **Karin Kram** (Biology, California State University, Dominguez Hills)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the Microbial Stress Response Gordon Research Conference (07/19/2020 to 07/24/2020) in South Hadley, Massachusetts.
7. **Elizabeth R. Waters** (Biology, San Diego State University)
Award: \$1500 for travel to present research at the American Society of Plant Biologists and The National Science Foundation meeting (07/24/2020 to 07/30/2020) in Washington DC.

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@sdsu.edu). The database of CSUPERB grant awards can be searched at: <http://csuperb.org/grants/database/>. Program impacts, including student outcomes and annual reports, can be found at the program dashboard: <https://csuperb.org/grants/csuperb-data-dashboard/>.