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Announcements

For the third consecutive year, the Professional Advancement Travel Resources is available to support students, faculty, and non-MPP stateside staff in their professional development journeys. Application acceptances will close on **April 11**. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to enhance your career and academic objectives!

Federal Funding Office Hours. The Office of Graduate Studies and Research and the Office of Sponsored Projects will host recurring office hours for current and prospective PIs to ask questions and share information regarding federal funding developments. Join us every Monday over the Spring term, between noon and 1 PM, in ADM 2302.

CSU Artificial Intelligence Educational Innovations Challenge. The CSU is seeking proposals to address innovative instructional strategies that leverage artificial intelligence (AI) tools. The first deadline for CSUSM for this call is April 14, 2025. Please see the full request for proposals.

Research Seminar Series 2024-2025. The last session of the Research Seminar Series will take place on April 17, 2025, in the ACD 102 auditorium from 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM. The OGSR and the CSUSM Committee for International Research jointly host this event. **Professor Tihomir Kostadinov** will explore how the ocean biosphere can be studied from space using satellite technology. He will discuss innovative methods to observe and understand ocean life and take a big-picture approach to explain how the Sun's energy, water, carbon, and life interact to shape Earth. Everyone (faculty, students, staff) is invited to join!

Grant Writing Bootcamp: Summer 2025 - Call for Proposals. The OGSR Grants and Contracts Development Team is pleased to announce a sponsored workshop opportunity for faculty to write grant proposals during the summer (July 28th – August 15th approximately). The Grant Writing Bootcamp: Summer Edition will be open to all disciplines. While all faculty are eligible to apply, priority will be given to faculty who have not previously received major funding or received GPSM funding. Questions about the bootcamp can be directed to Liz Bell at ebell@csusm.edu.
Deadline for applications: Wednesday, April 30, by 5 pm

SuRE Campus Visit: May 12-13. OGSR is excited to announce a visit from the (NIH) SuRE Resource Center. Please mark your calendars for Monday, May 12th and the morning of Tuesday, May 13th. A finalized schedule will be shared in our May newsletter. There will be a presentation each day and opportunities for you to engage with the representatives. If you are interested in receiving a detailed schedule before the May newsletter, please reach out to Rachel Stiehl (rstiehl@csusm.edu).

Transforming the Classroom with Contemplative Pedagogy, May 21 from 9AM to 4PM. After a long semester, please join us to pause, reflect and re-ignite the joy that brought us to higher education. In this workshop we will explore a variety of contemplative pedagogical practices such as mindful breathing, reflective reading and writing, deep listening, contemplative movement, compassion and loving kindness. The benefits of these practices include increased attention, deep learning, reduced anxiety, enhanced equanimity, increased connection with others and emotional resilience. Come join us as we explore the transformative impact of contemplative pedagogy. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register here!
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National Institutes of Health

Instrumentation Grant Program for Resource-Limited Institutions

Monday, May 5, 2025
Presentation: 1-2.30 PM
Register via this link

Proposals

Congratulations to all who submitted proposals recently:

Drs. Reza Kamali, Ali Ahmadinia, and Stephen Tsui | CRESE | National Science Foundation | NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program (S-STEM) | *S-STEM: Fostering Tomorrow's STEM Workforce: A Comprehensive Approach with Scholarships, Advising, and Coaching.*

Dr. Jeff Nessler | CEHHS/Kinesiology | NIH | R15 REAP | *Improving the Assessment of Great Toe Function and its Association with Gait and Balance in Older Adults.*

Drs. Robert Iafe, Afra Panahi, and Aswad Allen | CTREE | National Science Foundation | NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program (S-STEM) | *S-STEM: A STEM Vertical Mentoring Learning Community to Grow a Highly Educated Workforce.*

Dr. Badal Joshi | CSTEM/Mathematics | Simons Foundation | Research Enhancement Grants for Primarily Undergraduate Institution (PUI) Faculty.

Dr. Lucy HG Solomon | ARTES/ | Arts in California Parks | Planning & Development Grants | *Flowing with Nature: Art, Wildlife Enrichment, and Movement in Nature*.

Ally Parker and Belinda Garcia | University Police Dept/Parking and Commuter Services | San Diego County District Attorney's Office | Community Grant Program | *Crosswalk Upgrades*.

Dr. Christina Holub | CEHHS/Public Health | San Diego County District Attorney's Office | Community Grant Program | *Empowering Youth Towards Choosing Healthy Life Habits, Healthy Friendships, and Healthy Activities.*

Dr. Rachael Dombrowski | CEHHS/Public Health | University of Miami subaward, Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) | Early Innovator Award | *Leveraging Independent Grocery Stores for Healthier Communities: A Community-Based Intervention to Combat Obesity and Chronic Diseases in High-Need Areas of Miami-Dade County.*

Matt Mincey, Dr. Rachael Dombrowski, and Angela Collins | CEHHS/Nursing and Public Health | The Parker Foundation | *CSUSM Mobile Wellness Initiative.*

Awards

Congratulations to those who received awards recently:

Drs. Patricia Prado-Olmos and Nicoleta Bateman | Community Relations & University Engagement | Riverside County Office of Education subaward, Foundation for California Community Colleges | K-16 Education Pathway Grants.

Kheng Waiche | Recruitment and Outreach-Enrollment Management Services/Student Affairs | Foundation for California Community Colleges | California College Guidance Initiative.

Featured Funding Opportunities

Program: Grants and Research Program for Financial Literacy
Sponsor: National Endowment for Financial Education
Synopsis: Funding for rigorous, innovative, and actionable research that seeks to improve the public's financial well-being and has the potential to make a profound contribution to the field of financial education.
Letter of inquiry deadline: April 25, 2025

Program: Innovative Approaches to HIV Prevention and Care: Social and Behavioral Research
Sponsor: California HIV/AIDS Research Program
Synopsis: CHRP seeks to fund a broad array of novel studies that are grounded in social or behavioral health framework(s) which aim to optimize HIV prevention and/or care for all impacted communities across the state. This includes persons living with HIV; sex, gender, and racially/ethnically minoritized groups; as well as other impacted populations.

Letter of intent deadline: May 15, 2025

Program: Support for Research Excellence - SuRE (R16)
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health
Synopsis: The SuRE program supports research capacity building at eligible higher education institutions through funding investigator-initiated research in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences that falls in the NIH mission areas.

> **SuRE Research Awards** (R16 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
> **Budget**: Applications may request up to $100,000 direct costs/year.
> **Synopsis**: The purpose of SuRE awards is to provide research grant support for faculty investigators who have prior experience in leading externally funded, independent research but are not currently funded by any NIH Research Project Grants with the exception of SuRE or SuRE-First awards. SuRE-supported projects must have student participation in the execution, analysis, and reporting of the research. An applicant institution must demonstrate a commitment to build its research capacity and support the Principal Investigator for the award.
> **Deadlines in 2025**: May 28 and September 29
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> **SuRE – First Independent Research** (R16 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
> **Budget**: Applications may request up to $125,000 direct costs/year.
> Synopsis: The purpose of SuRE-First awards is to support research grants for faculty investigators who have not had prior independent external research grants. SuRE-First-supported projects must have student participation in the execution, analysis, and reporting of the research. An applicant institution must demonstrate a commitment to build its research capacity and support the Program Director/Principal Investigator of the award.
> **Deadlines in 2025**: May 27 and September 29

Program: Future Manufacturing
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Synopsis: The goal of Future Manufacturing is to support fundamental research, education, and training of a future workforce to overcome scientific, technological, educational, economic, and social barriers in order to catalyze new manufacturing capabilities that do not exist today.
Deadline: June 18, 2025

Program: Research Enhancement Award (R15)
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health
Synopsis: Supports small-scale research projects at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. The goals of the R15 are to:

- support meritorious research,
- expose students to research, and
- strengthen the research environment of the institution.

Deadlines in 2025: June 25 and October 25

Program: Instrumentation Grant Program for Resource-Limited Institutions (RLI-S10)
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health
Synopsis: The goal of RLI-S10 is to enhance biomedical research capacity and educational opportunities at resource-limited institutions by supporting the purchase of modern scientific instruments. The proposed instruments may support scientific projects in basic, translational, clinical, or biomedically-related behavioral fields.

Students and trainees may also benefit from access to the instrument in formal courses.
Deadline: July 3, 2025

Program: Grants for Arts Projects
Sponsor: National Endowment for the Arts
Synopsis: Through project-based funding, the program supports opportunities for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector.
Deadline: July 10, 2025

More funding opportunities in Pivot. Use your institutional login to access the tool!

April Highlights

1 - Student Research Symposium

The 2025 CSUSM Symposium on Student Research, Innovation, and Creative Activities took place on February 28, 2025. Up to ten finalists from CSUSM will compete against fellow CSU students at the statewide competition that will be held by California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, on April 25-26, 2025.

Special thanks to all participants, their faculty mentors, and our judges and moderators. The event would not be possible without their efforts. And special thanks to Dr. Richard Armenta for the fantastic prep session for our students!

Congratulations to all the CSUSM finalists and all the best for the statewide competition!



Finalists:

Bianca Delia - Dr. Yasmine Sherafat, Faculty Mentor
CHABSS | Behavioral, Social Sciences, and Public Administration, Undergraduate
Role of Neuromodulators in Aging and Addiction in the Mesolimbic Reward Pathway

I**maan Sahid** - Dr. Darcy Taniguchi, Faculty Mentor
CSTEM | Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Undergraduate
Characterizing temporal changes in the marine environment off Oceanside, California

Juan Leyva - Dr. Sean Newcomer, Faculty Mentor
CEHHS | Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences, Graduate
Estimating the Impact of a Menthol Flavor Ban on Cigarette Pack Purchase Behavior

Kaitlyn Sung - Dr. Alison Kreisler, Faculty Mentor
CHABSS | Behavioral, Social Sciences, and Public Administration, Undergraduate
Semaglutide acutely decreases intake of sucrose-rich food & blunts body weight cycling in a rat model of binge-eating

Matthew Leslie - Dr. James K. Jancovich, Faculty Mentor
CSTEM | Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Undergraduate
Characterization of the Ambystoma tigirnum virus 89R Gene

Maya Qaddourah - Dr. Sajith Jayasinghe, Faculty Mentor
CSTEM | Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Undergraduate
Bioinformatics Analysis Suggests That SE_1780 protein from Staphylococcus epidermis may be a member of the Fph Family of Lipases

Mikaela Speets-Drake - Dr. Elinne Becket, Faculty Mentor
CSTEM | Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Graduate
Exploring Microbial Communities and Their Spatiotemporal Patterns Across Mission Bay

Nathan Lenski - Dr. Asherlev Santos, Faculty Mentor
CHABSS | Behavioral, Social Sciences, and Public Administration, Graduate
Behind the Numbers: Examining Disparities in Homelessness in San Luis Obispo County

Troy Tekonopoulos - Dr. Mathew Stone, Faculty Mentor
CHABSS | Behavioral, Social Sciences, and Public Administration, Graduate
Understanding Risk Perceptions in a Changing Tobacco Marketplace

And congratulations to all the runner-ups! We were so impressed with your presentations!



2 - Grad Slam

On March 14th, OGSR and GRC hosted the Annual Grad Slam research communication competition.

This year, we had 17 participants: 4 undergraduates and 13 graduates representing all four colleges. We are pleased to announce that CSUSM will be represented at the upcoming CSU Wide Grad Slam by:

- **Cory Jordan** (Psychological Sciences)
  Children's Thoughts on Spreading Misinformation
- **Taen Bounthapanya** (Literature & Writing Studies)
  (Re)Connecting Through the Art of Translation: Remembering the Words of Elders and Ancestors in Translating Sieosavat from Lao to English

Lilly Research Laboratories returned as a sponsor for our Grad Slam, and their representatives attended the event to engage with participants and served as judges.

Congratulations to all the participants!



Callie Steppat
Undergraduate 1st Place



Cory Jordan
1st Place Graduate STEM



Taen Bounthapanya
1st Place Graduate Non-STEM

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