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Announcements

CSUSM's Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Office of Sponsored Projects, and Government Relations are closely monitoring recent Executive Orders and their potential impact on higher education. The CSU Legislative Affairs network and Research Administration Committee are also discussing these impacts on campuses. For more information, please check the section "**Federal Funding Update**" below.

International Research Seminar Series 2024-2025. Two sessions of the Research Seminar Series will take place in February:

- February 13: Erika Díaz-Almeyda, "Milpas for the Future: Protecting and Reclaiming Traditional Agriculture" (Mexico)
- February 25: Cecilia S. Uy-Tioco, "Mobile Phones in the Philippines: Colonial Legacies and Global Neoliberal Rationalities" (The Philippines)

The OGSR and the CSUSM Committee for International Research jointly host these events **in the ACD 102 auditorium from 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM**. Everyone (faculty, students, staff) is invited to join!

CSUSM Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Grant. The RSCA grant supports faculty activities which may include funds to pay undergraduate and graduate students to work as research assistants, to pay for publication costs, for research materials, or for travel associated with research activities. The application portal is open now, and the **deadline for submission is Monday, February 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM**. Learn more about RSCA and apply here.

The Committee for International Research (CIR) and the Office of Graduate Studies and Research is taking applications for the next **International Research Faculty Fellow** to serve from 2025-2027. Follow this link for more details!
Application Deadline: **Monday, February 17, at 11:59 PM**

Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty. The Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty cycle for the 25-26 academic year is

now open. Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty Procedure has been updated to reflect Chancellor's Office guidance. Campus eligibility criteria and the application process are included. Eligible applicants should submit a letter to their dean by **February 21**. Fiscal year data for expenditures should be for FY22-23 & FY23-24. For questions, contact Melissa Teetzel.

Symposium Call for Judges and Moderators. The 2025 Symposium on Student Research, Innovation, and Creative Activities will occur on **February 28, 2025, from 1:15 PM to 5:00 PM** at CSUSM. Up to ten finalists from CSUSM will compete against fellow CSU students at the statewide competition. We are actively looking for volunteer judges and moderators. Sign up to join other amazing volunteers in making this event a success and creating a memorable experience for our students. Your support will have a significant impact!

NSF CAREER Workshop hosted by Chancellor's Office. We're excited to announce an upcoming live webcast that will provide expert strategies and practical advice for crafting a competitive NSF CAREER proposal. This session will take place on **February 28, 2025, from 11 AM to 12:30 PM**. It will offer valuable insights into navigating the NSF review process, overcoming common challenges, and provide a unique opportunity to learn directly from NSF experts and CSU faculty who have successfully navigated the process.

US Public Health Service Career Opportunities Day at CSUSM. CSUSM will host an all-day, on-campus event welcoming representatives from the US Public Health Service on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 9 AM to 4 PM**. The USPHS Commissioned Corps is a uniformed service dedicated to safeguarding our nation's health. There will be breakout sessions for students to explore careers in public health, social work, speech-language pathology, nursing, medicine, engineering, social science, and other scientific specialties. There will be a session for faculty on federal funding opportunities. If you would like to volunteer as a moderator for one of the breakout sessions or for general support, please contact the coordinating team at publichealth@csusm.edu.

The Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR) and the Office of Graduate Studies and Research are taking applications for the next **Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow** to serve from 2025-2027. Please check the details and apply before **March 21, 2025.**

Federal Funding Update

CSUSM's Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Office of Sponsored Projects, and Government Relations are working together to monitor the Executive Orders issued by President Trump and the Office of Management and Budget Memo released January 27 that was rescinded on January 29. A summary of the Executive Orders and their potential impact on higher education may be found here.

The CSU Legislative Affairs network and Research Administration Committee are discussing the impact of the Executive Orders on our campuses.

The Executive Orders are directed toward federal agencies. As a campus, we will

consider actions based on CSU guidance and individual communications from each agency. At this time, we encourage current principal investigators with active funding or investigators with pending proposals to follow the following guidance.

Investigators with active federal awards:

- If you receive a request from a sponsor regarding your active project, please ensure the Office of Sponsored Projects is aware of the request if they are not already included.
- Ensure that you submit reports in a timely manner.

Investigators with pending or forthcoming proposals to federal sponsors:

- If you receive a request from a sponsor regarding a pending proposal, please ensure the Office of Graduate Studies and Research – Grants and Contracts Development is aware of the request if they are not already included.
- Be advised that review time of pending proposals may be extended while federal agencies follow guidance they have been given.

We realize it is challenging to keep track of the developments, and you may have questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Office of Sponsored Projects or Graduate Studies and Research.

UPCOMING
We will host a meeting where current and prospective PI's can ask questions and share information regarding the federal developments on Monday, February 17 from noon-1 PM, location TBD and by Zoom (more information will be sent via email in the coming days).

SuRE Resource Center

Own Your Interview: Power Moves for Next-Steps Career Advancement
UNDERGRAD & POST-BAC

February 4, 2025
Presentation: 12 PM - 1 PM
Register via this link

SuRE Resource Center

Grantsmanship Training
March Bootcamp

March 24 & March 25, 2025
Two-day event
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Register via this link

Proposals

Congratulations to all who submitted proposals recently:

Dr. James Kezos | CSTEM/Biological Sciences | Sanford Burnham Prebys Institute subaward, National Institutes of Health | The Impact of Stressors on the Biological Mechanisms of Aging and Other Aging-Associated Outcomes in Experimental Model Systems | *Effects of early age high sugar diet stress on age-related cardiomyopathy.*

Drs. Erika Diaz-Almeyda and Lucy HG Solomon | CSTEM/Biological Sciences and CHABSS/Art, Media, & Design | Chancellor's Office | STEM-NET Faculty Intercampus Collaborative Research SEED Grant Program | *Capturing Real Time Signals from Corals for Visualization of Reef Climate Health.*

Dr. Jon Spenard | CHABSS/Anthropology | Society for American Archeology | H. and T. King Grant for Archaeology of the Ancient Americas | *Ritually Ground: Archaeological Investigations of Ancient Maya Granitic Rock Extraction-Related Ritual in the Mountain Pine Ridge, Belize*.

Dr. Konane Martinez | NLRC | Environmental Protection Agency | Technical Assistance in Support of the Health Care Initiative and the Farmworker Training and Education Program | *START: Supporting Pesticide Safety Programs through Responsive Technical Assistance, Research, and Training.*

Drs. Erika Diaz-Almeyda and Lucy HG Solomon | Center ARTES | U.S. Agency for International Development | FORSEE Small Grants Program | *Biological and Community Connections in Mayan Anthrosols.*

Juliana Goodlaw-Morris and Marissa Acosta | Finance & Administrative Services Safety, Health, and Sustainability | Environmental Protection Agency | Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grants for Political Subdivisions of States and Territories | *WISE: Waste Infrastructure and Sorting Education at California State University San Marcos.*

Dr. Sixian Jin | CSTEM/Mathematics | National Science Foundation | DRMS | *Collaborative Research: The distribution builder tool for temporal decision making.*

Dr. Asherlev Santos | CEHHS/Public Health | National Institutes of Health, San Diego State University subaward | Environmental Health Disparities Center | *Center for Transborder Environmental and Community Health (C-TECH)*.

Drs. Ali Ahmadinia and Deborah Feairheller, Sreedevi Gutta, Justin Morris | CSTEM/Computer Science and CEHHS/Kinesiology | National Institutes of Health, University of North Texas Health Sciences Fort Worth subaward | AIM AHEAR PAIR | *Health Equity Driven AI-Models for Disease Detection with a Focus on Cardiovascular Women's Health.*

Drs. Carlos Luna Lopez and Tracey Brown | CTREE | National Institutes of Health | R25 ESTEEMED | *Building Early Awareness and Research in Science (BEARS).*

Dr. Mallory Rice | CRESE | National Science Foundation | Research Coordination Networks in Undergraduate Biology Education (RCN-UBE) | *Transforming Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Education through Revising and Modernizing Disciplinary Terminology.*

Awards

Congratulations to those who received awards recently:

Dr. Tracey K. Brown | CSTEM/Biological Sciences | Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation | Beckman Scholars Program | *Beckman Scholars at CSUSM.*

Featured Funding Opportunities

Program: Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts
Sponsor: Teagle Foundation
Synopsis: This program aims to support statewide, regional, or consortial academic partnerships between public two-year and private four-year colleges to facilitate transfer and completion of the baccalaureate in the liberal arts.
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please contact University Advancement
Deadlines: March 1, 2025, August 28, 2025, and December 1, 2025

Program: SuRE
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health
Synopsis: SuRE is a research capacity building program designed to develop and sustain research excellence in U.S. higher education institutions that receive limited NIH research support and serve students from groups underrepresented in biomedical research NOT-OD-20-031 with an emphasis on providing students with research opportunities and enriching the research environment at the applicant institutions.
Deadline: May 28, 2025

1. Support for Research Excellence **(SuRE) -** 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.

2. Support for Research Excellence – First Independent Research **(SuRE-First)** - 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.

Program: Exploring Equitable Futures
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Synopsis: The purpose of this call for proposals is to support projects that seed new and unconventional ideas that could radically advance health equity for generations to come.
Deadline: October 15, 2025

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

International Funding Opps

Program: Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad (FRA) Program
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education
Synopsis: The FRA program funds fellowships through institutions of higher education (IHEs) to faculty members who propose to conduct research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies to improve their skill in languages and their knowledge of the culture of the people of these countries. Fellows conduct research abroad for periods of 3 to 12 months.
Deadline: March 10, 2025

February Highlight



We are thrilled to announce that Dr. Erica Gold, from the Linguistics department (Liberal Studies/CHABSS), is part of a prestigious research team awarded a three-year grant from the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA).

Dr. Gold is collaborating with esteemed colleagues from SRI International, UC Berkeley, and the University of Washington on this groundbreaking project. The project aims to develop innovative methods for anonymizing speech and contributing to advancements in privacy and security.

We are proud to have Dr. Gold as part of our faculty and look forward to the impactful outcomes of this research. For more details, you can read the official

press release from the Director of National Intelligence here.

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