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Announcements

SuRE Campus Visit. OGSR is excited to welcome a representative from the SuRE Resource Center to present on the NIH SuRE and SuRE-First grant programs. Presentations will be held at the Faculty Center from 12-1.45 PM on Monday, May 12th, and from 9-10.45 AM on Tuesday, May 13th. If you haven't already, please use this link for In-Person RSVP. For those interested but unable to attend in-person, a Zoom link for Monday and Tuesday, the passcode is 454909. For more information, please reach out to Rachel Stiehl (rstiehl@csusm.edu).

Research Seminar Series 2024-2025. We are thrilled to announce that the International Research Seminar Series 2024-2025 was a resounding success! A heartfelt thank you to our 8 outstanding presenters, the 500 enthusiastic participants, and the numerous contributors who made this event possible. Your support and engagement were invaluable. If you want to know more about the 2024-2025 series, please check our infographics.

Call for Presentations: Research Seminar Series 2025-2026. We are excited to invite all CSUSM faculty to participate in the AY 25-26 Research Seminar Series, titled *Innovative Approaches to Global and Environmental Health*. This series seeks to showcase research, scholarly, and creative activities that address various aspects of health, including human, social, environmental, and more.
We welcome submissions from all disciplines and anticipate a diverse range of topics, such as (but not limited to!):

- Food security and justice
- Physical, psychological, social, and financial health
- Personal, family, and community health
- Ecosystem health indicators, diversity, and monitoring

If you are interested in presenting, please submit your interest form by **Friday, May 23, 2025.**

NSF CAREER Program Informational Webinar

May 14 and 19
Presentation:11 AM
Register via this link

Proposals

Congratulations to all who submitted proposals recently:

Dr. Blake Beecher and Lorene Ibbetson-Flanagan, MSW | CEHHS/Social Work | California Department of Social Work | CalSWEC Title IV-E.

Dr. Hamed Nademi | CSTEM/Physics and Engineering | Department of Defense | DOD MSI Instrumentation | *Experiential Learning-based Research and Educational Facility Enabling DOD Microgrid Resilience and Energy Secure Distribution.*

Dr. Mary Stewart | CHABSS/Literature & Writing Studies | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Integrating Artificial Intelligence into CSUSM's General Education Writing and All Campus Writing Requirements.*

Drs. Sajith Jayasinghe and Karno Ng | CSTEM/Chemistry/Biochemistry | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Empowering Student Success and Teaching Excellence Through Personalized AI Learning Companions: A Scalable Model for Higher Education.*

Drs. Joely Proudfit, Oscar Monge, Dina Gilio-Whitaker, Eric Tipperconic, John Tipperconic, and Kiana Maillet | CHABSS/American Indian Studies | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Bridging Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation to Transform Teaching and Student Learning with AI in American Indian Studies.*

Lucy HG Solomon, MFA | CHABB/Art, Media, and Design | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Integrating AI as a Pivotal Factor in Data Visualization.*

Mark Oberman | CSTEM/Physics | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | Enhancing the Teaching of AI Techniques in Edge-Computing Embedded Systems through the Development of a Project-based Curriculum.

Dr. Matthew Irwin | CHABSS/Ethnic Studies | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Defense Against the Dark Art(ificial Intelligence)s.*

Drs. Amber Yoo, Kristin Stewart, and Kim McCarthy | COBA | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Generative AI Certification Program for the College of Business Administration at CSUSM.*

Dr. Tasha Seneca Keyes, MSW | CEHHS/Social Work | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Integrating Generative AI in Graduate Social Work Education: Ethical, Equity-Centered Case Review Simulations in MSW 501.*

Drs. Jing Hou and Yuzhang Han | CSTEM/Computer Science and COBA/Management Information Systems | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Transforming Students into AI Builders: A Role-Play Learning System Powered by Multi-Agent LLM.*

Drs. Rebecca Lush and Ruoxi Li | Faculty Center/ | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Innovative Teaching with GenAI: Designing Curriculum for the Future.*

Marnie Eldridge | Office of Undergraduate Studies | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *AI-Ready: Preparing First-Year Students for Sustained (& Sustainable) Ethical & Critical GenAI Engagement at CSUSM & Beyond.*

Drs. Denis Schulz, Osmar Pinto Neto, and Shyuan Ching Tan | CEHHS/Kinesiology | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | PedAIgogy: A Conceptual Framework for Advancing AI Literacy in Higher Education.

Drs. Deya Roy and Kaitlyn Woltz | CHABSS/Communication & Media Studies and Economics | CSU Chancellor's Office | CSU AI Educational Innovations Challenge | *Generation AI: Understanding Student AI Usage and Increasing Student Self-Efficacy in AI-integrated Curriculum.*

Awards

Congratulations to those who received awards recently:

Drs. Betsy Read and Sujal Phadke | CSTEM/Biology | COAST | Grant Development Program | *Unraveling environmental triggers and genetic mechanisms underlying morphological differentiation and ploidy switch in marine haptophytes.*

Drs. Ali Ahmadinia, Deborah Feairheller, Sreedevi Gutta, and Justin Morris | CSTEM/Computer Science and CEHHS/Kinesiology | National Institutes of Health, University of North Texas Health Sciences Fort Worth subaward | AIM-AHEAD Program for Artificial Intelligence Readiness (PAIR) | *AI-Driven Models for Disease Detection in Cardiovascular Health.*

Featured Funding Opportunities

Program: Gender-responsive budgeting practices: policy recommendations for adoption and implementation
Sponsor: Center for California Studies' Faculty Research Fellows Program
Synopsis: The requested research is intended to: 1) summarize the academic

research on implementation of gender-responsive budget practices, 2) detail the experience of governmental entities in other countries and regions in implementing gender-responsive budgeting practices, and 3) make options and recommendations for planning and implementation of gender-responsive budgeting practices in California, based on academic research and the experience of these other entities.
Deadline: May 12, 2025

Program: Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) Aeronautics Community Engagement Impact Research (ACEIR) 2.0
Sponsor: NASA
Synopsis: The program provides funding to Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) to conduct interdisciplinary research on the environmental and societal impacts of future air transportation technologies 1. This initiative aims to develop equitable, safe, affordable, and accessible approaches to aviation, benefiting overburdened communities 1. By engaging faculty and students in this research, the program also seeks to build institutional capacity and increase diversity in the STEM workforce 1.
Deadline: June 16, 2025

Program: Climate Adaptation and Resiliency
Sponsor: Wildlife Conservation Board
Synopsis: Protect and restore ecosystems on natural and working lands to provide climate change adaptation and resilience for wildlife. Assist natural and working lands managers in implementing practices that provide climate adaptation and resilience. Increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits".
Deadline: rolling, but Program Officers suggest the letter of intent by the end of June 2025

Program: Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Synopsis: Supports early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization.
Deadline: July 23, 2025

Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Programs: Three RWJF programs have upcoming deadlines:

1) Research to Advance Racial and Indigenous Health Equity
Synopsis: We seek to build an actionable body of evidence to construct fair systems that determine resource distribution and support health equity.
Deadlines: Rapid Response brief proposal 5/28/25; New Research LOI 7/16/25.

2) Systems for Action: Community-Led Systems Research to Address Systemic Racism
This call for proposals will provide funding for a cohort of community-led pilot studies to produce new, actionable evidence about how to help medical, social, and public health systems work together to address forms of systemic racism.
Deadline: June 4, 2025

3) Exploring Equitable Futures
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: Effects of the Usage of Digital Technology on Brain Development, Social Behaviours and Mental Health
Sponsor: The Huo Family Foundation
Synopsis: A long-standing interest of HFF has been the effect and impact of usage of digital technology on young people. The rapid rise and use of this technology has permeated much of society and transformed the way many humans interact. There has been a broad array of research efforts that mostly have involved relatively crude measures of the amount of usage of digital technology (e.g. total screen time) and the observed effects and impact on health. Despite these efforts, the full implications–both positive and negative–on human physiology, psychology, behaviour, well-being and mental health remain unclear.
Deadline: May 23, 2025

May Highlights

39th Annual CSU Statewide Competition Announcement

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our CSUSM delegates at the 39th Annual CSU Statewide Research Competition, hosted by California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, on April 25-26, 2025. Selected from the top projects at the CSUSM Symposium on Student Research, Creative Activities, and Innovation, our delegates excelled in Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Sciences, Biological and Agricultural Sciences, and Behavioral, Social Sciences & Public Administration.

A special congratulations to Bianca Delia for securing 1st place in Behavioral, Social Sciences & Public Administration (undergraduate).

First Place
Bianca Delia Bianca Delia - Dr. Yasmin Sherafat, Faculty Mentor
Psychology, Undergraduate
Role of Neuromodulators in Aging and Addiction in the Mesolimbic Reward Pathway



In case you missed the Awards Ceremony, click here to see the competition results.

And congratulations to all our CSUSM delegates for their hard work and commitment!



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