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# Announcements

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

- March 11, 2025: Gabriel Valle, *Cali-Baja Foodways: Place-Based Foods and Traditions from an Emerging Borderlands Cuisine* (Mexico - Baja California)
- March 27, 2025: Devan Romero, *Examining Cross-Cultural Awareness and Global Health Perspectives: Impact of Short-Term Study Abroad in Italy and Science Identity* (Italy)

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!

The CSUSM Center for Leadership, Innovation, and Mentorship Building (CLIMB) presents **Dan Negroni**, entrepreneur, CEO, and bestselling author, in a talk titled "Unlocking Gen Z and Beyond: Science and Strategies to Lead the New Workforce", on March 20, 2025, from 5.30 to 7.15 PM at CSUSM McMahan House.

The **CSU Social Science Research and Instructional Council** (SSRIC) is organizing the following events:

- The RFP for the 2025 Instructional Materials Awards is accepting proposals from CSU faculty to develop new instructional materials. Proposals are due March 21.
- The SSRIC Seed Grant (Funding) awards three WTUs of reassigned time, a mentor hired by SSRIC with significant grant-writing experience, and a $500 stipend to complete an NSF grant proposal. The SSRIC Seed Grant Award program is in its second year -- last year CSUSM faculty received awards. Proposals due March 24.
- The SSRIC 50th Social Science Student Symposium (S4) will be on

Thursday, May 1, 2025, at CSU Dominguez Hills. The S4 is an excellent opportunity for undergraduate/graduate students to present their research, to view research of other CSU students, and connect with faculty and students from across the CSU. The S4 averages 90 student presentations from most campuses. Submission deadline is March 31.

**NCHEA Tri-Campus Collaborations Grants**. NCHEA offers grants of up to $4,000 to support an event/activity that is planned collaboratively by all three campuses (CSUSM, Palomar, and MiraCosta) to support the goal of transfer student success. The next due date for NCHEA Grants is April 7, 2024. Apply at the NCHEA grant page.

## Additional Meetings - Federal Funding Developments

We are hosting two meetings for current and prospective PIs to ask questions and share information regarding federal funding developments.

**Thursday, March 6**
1-2 PM
University Hall 237
This is an in-person offering

**Monday, March 10**
12-1 PM
ADM 2302
This is an in-person offering

**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 developments, and you may have questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Office of Sponsored

Projects or the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

**Cybersecurity and Homeland Defense Workforce Development Projects in the CSU**
Presented by the Department of Research

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Presentation: 11 AM-12 PM
Register via this link

# Proposals

Congratulations to all who submitted proposals recently:

**Drs. Erika Díaz-Almeyda and Lucy HG Solomon** | CSTEM/Biological Sciences and CHABSS/Art, Media, & Design | Chancellor's Office | CSU BIOTECH-New Investigator Program Grant | *Metagenomic Profiling and Data Visualization of Milpa Soil Health: Microbial Ecology and Function in an Ancient Polyculture Agroecosystem.*

**Dr. Mallory Rice** | CSTEM/Biological Sciences | Chancellor's Office | CSU BIOTECH-Curriculum Development Grant Program | *Amplifying Biotech Narratives: Integrating Alumni Scientist Spotlights in the Classroom to Diversify the Biotechnology Industry.*

**Dr. Ezequiel Vidal** | CSTEM/Chemistry and Biochemistry | Chancellor's Office | CSU BIOTECH-New Investigator Program Grant | *3D Printing of Hydrogels for Practical Applications.*

**Dr. Jing Hou** | CSTEM/Computer Science | National Science Foundation | MSI CISE | *Collaborative Research: CISE-MSI: RDP: SaTC: Securing Software Ecosystems: Optimizing Patching Decisions through a Supply Chain Perspective.*

**Drs. Mallory Rice, Jane Kim, George Vourlitis, and Konane Martínez** | CSTEM/Biological Sciences and National Latino Research Center | National Science Foundation | Hispanic-Serving Institutions: Enriching Learning, Programs, and Student Experiences (HSI-ELPSE) | *Engaging Biology Students and Strengthening Family Ties through Community-Driven Research at the Urban-Wildland Interface.*

**Drs. Ranjeeta Basu and Jill Weigt** | Center for Contemplative Practices | National Science Foundation | Hispanic-Serving Institutions: EnrichingLearning, Programs, and Student Experiences (HSI-ELPSE) | *Investigating the Use of Mindfulness Practices to Increase Retention and Broaden Participation of Students Pursuing STEM Degrees.*

# Featured Funding Opportunities

**Program:** U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences Broad Agency Announcement for Basic Research
**Sponsor:** Department of Defense
**Synopsis:** The Basic Research program focuses on four strategic areas for advancing personnel science.

1. Measurement of Individuals and Collectives: Advanced psychometric theory for deriving valid measurements from complex assessments and continuous streams of data
2. Teams and Small Groups: Understanding dynamic restructuring, coordination, and composition processes in teams and promoting optimal team adaptation
3. Organizations and Systems: Multilevel theory and methods for complex organizations
4. Formal and Informal Learning and Development: Holistic models of individual and collective learning and development across work settings and contexts throughout the career span

**Deadline for White Papers**: March 9, 2025
**Deadline for Proposals**: July 1, 2025

**Program:** Spring 2025 Faculty Travel Grant Programs
**Sponsor**: CSU Chancellor's Office
**Synopsis:** CSUBIOTECH Faculty Travel Grant Programs support student and tenure-track faculty travel to biotechnology-related professional meetings and workshops or to collect biotechnology-related data at shared instrumentation facilities or research sites. This round of funding supports travel between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
**Deadline:** March 17, 2025

**Program:** Awards for Faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions
**Sponsor:** National Endowment for the Humanities
**Synopsis:** The Awards for Faculty at HSIs program strengthens the humanities at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) by encouraging and expanding humanities research opportunities for individual faculty and staff members. Awards provide the individual recipient with time to write, conduct research, and pursue other project-related activities.
**Deadline:** April 9, 2025

**Program:** Research and Education Program: HBCU/MI Equipment Grant
**Sponsor:** Department of Defense
**Synopsis**: The Research and Education Program is designed to enhance the research capabilities of HBCUs and MIs and to strengthen their STEM education programs. The purpose of the funding under this FOA is to (1) support the acquisition of equipment/instrumentation to augment existing capabilities or to develop new capabilities in research areas of interest to DoD, and (2) attract students to pursue studies leading to STEM careers. Although funding provided under this FOA cannot be used for student support, in order to further DoD's objective of attracting students to pursue studies leading to STEM careers, applicants must address the impact of the requested equipment/instrumentation on student participation in research
**Deadline:** April 28, 2025

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

## International Funding Opps

**Sponsor:** National Endowment for the Humanities
**Synopsis:** NEH encourages scholars, practitioners, and cultural institutions in the United States to explore opportunities for international collaboration. Through targeted international partnerships, NEH seeks to support bi- and multi-national projects that advance both humanities research and cultural exchange. These partnerships offer additional resources to foster innovative collaborations across borders.

## March Highlights

**Research Seminar Series 2024-2025**
In February, the Research Seminar Series 24-25, co-hosted by the OGSR and the CSUSM Committee for International Research, featured two captivating sessions that delved into diverse and impactful topics.

We invite you to join us for the upcoming sessions. All faculty, students, and staff are welcome to attend!

**February 13, 2025: Erika Díaz-Almeyda - "Milpas for the Future: Protecting and Reclaiming Traditional Agriculture" (Mexico)**

Dr. Erika Díaz-Almeyda presented an engaging talk on Milpa, an ancient Mesoamerican polyculture still practiced in the Yucatán Peninsula. This sustainable agricultural system enhances crop yields without the use of pesticides or fertilizers, even in nutrient-poor soils. Lineage holders of this bicultural heritage have preserved thousands of years of invaluable ecological knowledge, which is now being understood through a more mechanistic approach, including soil microbiomes and plant interactions. Erika also discussed the current challenges and opportunities facing this traditional farming system today.



**February 25, 2025: Cecilia S. Uy-Tioco - "Mobile Phones in the**

**Philippines: Colonial Legacies and Global Neoliberal Rationalities" (The Philippines)**

Dr. Cecilia S. Uy-Tioco explored the history and evolution of mobile telephony in the Philippines, from the monopoly during the American colonial period in 1928 to the market liberalization in the 1990s and the current dominance of the duopoly. She argued that this development is a continuation of globalization, where power and control are exercised by global neoliberal rationalities, influenced by the former colonizer, the United States, and the growing influence of China.



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