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1. **CSU Statewide Conference on Community Based Research: 2 Regional Conferences!**

Join CSU faculty, staff, students, and community partners in Northern California on March 5, or Southern California on March 12, to explore how campuses and communities can equitably collaborate on research to address significant social issues in California and beyond, promote learning and development, and advance the creation and dissemination of knowledge. In one-day, you will have the opportunity to engage in a series of high quality, participatory CBR workshops, dialogues and research forums.

The regional conferences will provide opportunities for you to:

- Share community-based research you are involved or interested in, and learn about others' research;
- Explore opportunities for cross-community/cross-institutional/multi-disciplinary collaboration;
- Explore how community-based research can be a powerful tool for addressing the current social, cultural, economic and political issues of our time;
- Engage in a high-quality, engaging, energizing, learning-centered, multicultural, multi-format and innovative learning community; and
- Continue to explore what we mean by community-based research in the CSU, and deepen our niche of supporting research that advances the system's public purposes.

Online [Registration](#) is available thru February 25, 2010.

2. **Five Broad Themes Will Define NIH's Future**

Francis Collins, new director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has named five broad themes that will drive NIH activities in the years ahead:

- Applying unprecedented opportunities in genomics and other high throughput technologies to understand fundamental biology and to uncover the causes of specific diseases. "Today we have the opportunity to ask questions that before now were limited in scope."
- Translating basic science discoveries into new and better treatments and practice. "We have to take advantage of the new discoveries of the causes of diseases, to understand how life works, and push that agenda forward to rapidly develop diagnostics and preventive strategies

and therapeutics for the diseases we currently treat poorly or often can't even diagnose." Private-public partnerships will play an important role in this area.

- Putting science to work for the benefit of healthcare reform. "We are being called upon increasingly at NIH to produce the data necessary to make wise decisions about health care and I don't think we should be reluctant to respond." This includes the areas of comparative effectiveness research, personalized health agendas, health disparities research (social and behavioral research, in particular, as well as healthcare economics), and payment-incentive models.
- Encouraging a greater focus on global health. "[In recent times, the U.S. has been seen] as the soldier to the world. Might we not do better both in terms of our benevolence and our diplomacy by being more of a doctor to the world?"
- Reinvigorating and empowering the biomedical research community. This last theme, Collins noted, is related to all the others. "The need to reinvigorate and empower the biomedical research community through stable and predictable funding increases, through high-quality training programs, for particular focus on encouraging young scientists, making sure our peer review system is rewarding risky and innovative approaches, emphasizing the diversity of the workforce, and supporting projects that fall outside the mandate of a single institute or center.

Collins encourages members of the extramural research community to send him a brief, one-page summary of the issues important to them and the major issues to which NIH should be paying attention. Comments should be sent to NIH-LISTENS@nih.gov.

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3. Learn and Serve America Program

The [Learn and Serve America](#) higher education component supports colleges and universities that use innovative service-learning programming to meet the needs of local communities. Successful programs promote institutional commitment to the local community and lifelong civic engagement for student participants. In FY 10, approximately \$7.3 million may be available to fund up to nine to individual institution programs at up to \$200,000 per year, and 11 consortia programs at up to \$500,000 per year. Institutions may submit more than one application as long as projects are distinct. For this year's competition, CNS will only fund projects that include pre-service and in-service teacher training or that focus on science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. The deadline is March 9, 2010.

A web conference featuring the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNS) Learn and Serve America Higher Education Programs will be held **February 11, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern**. CNS program officer Kirsten Breckinridge will be the featured speaker. Participants can register [here](#). SJSURF is a member of Grants Resource Center, sponsor of this web conference.

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4. Universities Eligible for EPA Community Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is [seeking applications](#) for the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program, which supports county and local governments, tribes, nonprofit organizations, and universities to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources. In FY 10, \$2 million is available to support CARE cooperative agreements in two

levels: Level I awards range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and will help establish community-based partnerships to develop local environmental priorities; Level II awards range from \$150,000 to \$300,000 each and will support communities that have established broad-based partnerships, have identified the priority toxic risks in the community, and are prepared to measure results, implement risk-reduction activities and become self-sustaining.

EPA will hold webcasts to answer questions from prospective applicants about the application process on February 2, 23, and 26, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern.

This is a limited submittal program. SJSU may submit only one proposal. Faculty interested in this program must submit an internal Letter of Intent by **February 10, 2010, 5:00 p.m.** Limited submission instructions are available at: http://www.sjsufoundation.org/word/EPA_CARE2010_ISP.doc

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5. Vacation for Project Personnel

Benefited project personnel paid through the SJSU Research Foundation (SJSURF) who accrue vacation should take vacation during each year of the project. It is the Principal Investigator's responsibility to ensure project staff vacations are scheduled and taken before each project year ends. If questions please speak with your SJSURF Sponsored Programs Analyst or SJSURF Human Resources contact.

6. Fellowships

SJSURF receives notification of fellowship/scholarship opportunities for faculty and students. This month's highlights include:

Program: Visiting Professor Program
Agency: Advertising Educational Foundation
Next Deadline: Feb 12, 2010
http://www.aef.com/on_campus/professor/vpp

Program: Fellowships and Grants
Agency: Council on Social Work Education
Next Deadline: Mar 15, 2010
<http://tinyurl.com/yglobgh>

Program: Visiting Research and Student Summer Fellowship Programs
Agency: American Institute for Economic Research
Next Deadline: Mar 20, 2010
<http://www.aier.org/education/>

Program: Postdoctoral Study and Research Grants
Agency: Fyssen Foundation
Next Deadline: Mar 31, 2010
<http://www.fondation-fyssen.org/bourseUS.html>

Program: Academic Fellowship Program
Agency: Open Society Institute
Next Deadline: Apr 07, 2010
<http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus/afp>

Program: Public Policy Student Fellowships/Congressional Internships and Scholarships

Agency: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
Next Deadline: Apr 16, 2010
<http://www.chci.org/>

Program: Visiting Scientists Fellowship Program
Agency: Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics (JILA)
Next Deadline: Apr 30, 2010
<http://jilawww.colorado.edu/employ/vf.html>

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