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1. **SJSU Student Research Forum: April 3, 2008**

The SJSU Research Foundation and the SJSU Office of Graduate Studies and Research are pleased to host the 29th Annual SJSU Student Research Forum on **April 3, 2008** from **12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** in Engineering Building 285/287. Please join us at this event to congratulate five outstanding students and their faculty mentors from the Colleges of Engineering, Science, and Social Sciences. The students are being honored for their excellence in student research. There will be a reception and poster session following the awards ceremony. The five winners and their faculty mentors are:

Claudia Maria Lopez, Sociology

"I'm Just Your Typical Anti-Stereotype Female... ": An Explanation of Females Living on the Streets of San Francisco

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Natalie Boero

Adam Welch, Social Sciences

Intermodal Trucker Labor Protest in Central Valley Stockton

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Maria Alaniz

Minerva Cruz, Materials Engineering

Intermetallic Compound Formation between Sn-3.0Ag-0.5Cu Pb-free Solder and Coated PCB Cu Pads

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Guna Selvaduray

Steven D. Bonsall, Biology (research work performed in Chemistry)

Development of a Reliable and Cost Effective Calibration Standard for Circularly Polarized Luminescence, an Analytical Tool

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Gilles Muller

Thomas Austin, Computer Science

Expanding JavaScript's Metaobject Protocol

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Cay Horstmann

2. National Institutes of Health Public Access Policy

National Institutes of Health (NIH) has a new policy, effective 4/7/08, mandating that all Principal Investigators who are funded under an NIH grant submit their peer-reviewed and accepted-for-publication research publications and articles to NIH for posting to the PubMed online article database. To that end, there are a number of issues raised by the need to ensure that authors maintain the legal rights (copyright) required to allow compliance with the new policy when working with publishers.

Across the nation, university research compliance offices and university libraries are collaborating on how best to implement an infrastructure that will support this new NIH requirement. Many of these ideas were discussed recently during a special one-hour Webinar, which we highly recommend that you view at some point (visit <http://www.arl.org/sc/implement/nih/webcast/index.shtml>).

In the near future, we will be communicating the new NIH requirement more broadly to the SJSU campus, and will provide specific tools that can be used when working with publishers. Most immediately, however, is the issue of any publications that are currently being planned by either you **or anyone else** who has been funded by your NIH grant. If you are currently working with a publisher or plan to do so in the near future, please contact Jerri Carmo to further discuss, as specific copyright language needs to be worked out as part of your contract with your publisher.

3. NSF Partners with Google and IBM to Offer New Research Opportunities to Universities

On February 25, 2008, the National Science Foundation's Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) Directorate announced that it will partner with Google Inc. and IBM to form the Cluster Exploratory (CluE) program. This program will offer the academic research community the opportunity to conduct research experiments using large-scale, massively distributed computing. NSF expects to support 10 to 15 research projects during the first year of CluE. For more information, see http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=111186&govDel=USNSF_51.

4. Mothers Against Drunk Driving Offers Mini-Grants for Campus Projects*

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the CarMax Foundation have announced the launch of the new UMADD website and the availability of mini-grants for community-based groups committed to preventing underage drinking, binge drinking, and drunk-driving on America's college campuses.

Mini-grants are available to UMADD student-groups; new groups who have applied to become a UMADD group; active student groups; approved students; campus or community law enforcement working on college-related initiatives; campus/community partnerships working on college-related initiatives; and faculty, including alcohol, tobacco, and other drug or campus prevention coordinators. Although first priority will be given to applicants pursuing UMADD-specific projects, other ideas will be considered based on merit.

When applying for a mini-grant, applicants will be required to create a project timeline, including major goals and objectives; select a project focus (e.g., underage/binge drinking or drunk driving); and submit a complete budget. The CarMax Foundation has provided \$20,000 to fund the mini-grants. The maximum grant amount is \$500. Applications are accepted year round.

*Excerpt from *Grant Week*, published by the Grants Resource Center on March 24, 2008.

5. Fellowships

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

Program: NEH Fellowships

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Research

Next Deadline: May 1, 2008

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Fellowships.html>

Program: Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Division of Research

Next Deadline: May 1, 2008

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships-japan.html>

Program: 2008 David Stevenson and William Diaz Faculty Fellowships

Agency: The Nonprofit Academic Centers Council

Next Deadline: March 31, 2008

<http://www.naccouncil.org/fellowships.asp>

Program: Fellowship Programs

Agency: Hagley Museum and Library

Next Deadline: June 30, 2008

<http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/grants.html>

Program: Fellowship and Internship Programs

Agency: Smithsonian Institution

Next Deadline: May 15, 2008

<http://www.si.edu/ofg/fell.htm>

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