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## CSUSM Grants Newsletter | January 2024

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy New Year! We wish you the best in 2024!

We are thrilled to **welcome Lily Galiano** to the Grants and Contracts Development Team as the Project Support Services Coordinator. Lily brings extensive experience having held positions with our Veterans Services while an undergraduate at CSUSM as well as prior roles with Leidos for the Naval Health Research Center, with Apex Systems/General Dynamics with the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, and with Coastal Management Solutions at the Naval Amphibious Base. Prior to these roles, Lily served in the US Navy as Personnel Support Detachment North Island Officer in Charge. Lily has completed a bachelor's in sociology and a minor in border studies at CSUSM and has made progress toward completing the master's in sociological practice at CSUSM. As the Project Support Services Coordinator, Lily will work with eligible PIs on expending funding from sponsored projects in addition to projects such as IDC distribution, proposals and awards reporting, and compliance monitoring. Welcome, Lily!

### Call for Applications with the Office of Graduate Studies and Research

- **Grant Support Faculty Fellow.** The [Grant Support Faculty Fellow](#) will work with the Grants & Contracts Development team within the Office of Graduate Studies & Research to provide leadership in promoting and advancing research and external funding at CSUSM. This position involves developing and leading the Grant Writing Bootcamps, which occur once or twice annually during off-contract time. While on-contract the Grant Support Faculty fellow will also mentor and support Grant Writing Bootcamp participants and alumni as well as a select number of additional faculty.
- **Post-Award Support Faculty Fellow** will provide leadership in guiding a cohort of early-stage investigators in their new role as PI. This position will work with the Grants & Contracts Development team. This fellow will lead monthly meetings with one-to-one support as needed to assist early-stage investigators to manage their sponsored projects. The fellow will aid in developing content to foster a positive post-award experience. This is a 1-year appointment. More information and the application process, on our [website](#).
- **Post-Award Mentorship for Early-Stage Investigators** A new program is being piloted to support new PIs and early-stage investigators through a year of post-award administration of external funding. Through monthly meetings, a small cohort will be mentored by a PI experienced in effectively managing their external funding. If you are interest in being

considered, please fill out the [application form](#) by February 7<sup>th</sup>:

The **Network of the National Library of Medicine** (NNLM) is hosting a virtual class designed for beginning grant proposal writers interested in NNLM funding. The class will present a general overview of grant and funding processes, as well as the level of detail required for a successful proposal.

When? On January 24, from 10 am to 11 am PDT

The **National Institutes of Health** are hosting the 2024 NIH Grants Policy Updates on January 31, from 10 am to 11.30 am PDT. This is a great opportunity to hear what's new and in development within NIH programs and policies. Join compliance and system policy experts from the NIH Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) for the latest policy updates and how your institutions may be impacted. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about new and existing policies during the live Q&A. Free virtual event, [register online](#).

The Faculty Center, Sustainability, and the Office of Graduate Studies and Research are co-sponsoring a [Research Seminar Series](#) on the theme of climate and sustainability for AY 23-24. Join us for lunch and the next seminar on February 20 with Tara Marko "Wildfire Smoke Exposure and Human Health." Kellogg 1111 from noon to 12:50 pm

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## PROPOSALS

**Congratulations to all who submitted proposals recently:**

**Dr. Deb Fearheller** | CEHHS/Kinesiology | National Institutes of Health | REAP | *Community-based cardiac screening and wellness-focused workshops in Latinas*

**Sarah Jayyousi** | UPD/Crisis Center | San Diego County | Community Enhancement Funding | *Crisis Response Team*

**Dr. Jane Kim** | CSTEM/Biology | National Institutes of Health | AREA | *Molecular Consequences of Myotonic Dystrophy Type 2-causing CCTG DNA Repeats*

**Dr. Rafael Hernández** | CEHHS/Human Development | Department of Health Care Access and Information | Health Professions Pathways Program | *HCAI HPPP Pipeline Program*

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**Dr. Matt Schubert** | CEHHS/Kinesiology | Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program | Core Research Program | *Metabolic Flexibility and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Markers in Co-Users of Cannabis and Tobacco*

**Dr. Rachael Dombrowski** | CEHHS/Public Health | America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) | HFFI Partnership Program | *Great Grocer Project*

**Dr. Anthony Matranga** | CEHHS/Education | National Science Foundation | DRK-12 | *Collaborative Research: MENTIR-AI: Mathematics Education Network for Teaching and Instructional Responses, powered by AI*

**Christina Simokat** | CHABSS/Environmental Studies and CSTEM/Biology | United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | Environmental Education | *Native Foods, Native Pollinators*

**Dr. Elizabeth Ridder** | CHABSS/Liberal Studies | University of North Carolina Charlotte subaward, National Science Foundation | Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems (DISES) | *Climate Change and Localized Food Production as Integrated Socio- Environmental Systems in Mediterranean Ecosystems*

**Dr. Alison Scheer-Cohen** | CEHHS/Speech Language Pathology | Northwestern (Shirley Ryan Lab) subaward, National Institutes of Health | C-STAR | *Use of Technology in Speech Sound Training for Children with Cleft Lip/Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies*

**Drs. Antonio De La Garza and Patrice Amon** | CHABSS/Communications/Theater | National Endowment for the Humanities | Collaborative Research: Manuscript | *Low and Slow: Community Cultural Wealth, Artistic Interventions, and Resilience in the Borderlands*

**Sarah Jayyousi, LCSW, LPCC** | UPD/Crisis Center | San Diego County | Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant | *CSUSM Officer Wellness Program*

**Lisa Dickinson and Celeste Toursney** | Student Affairs/Campus Rec | CA Dept of Parks & Recreation | Outdoor Equity | *Expanding Equity and Wellness Pathways at CSUSM*

**Dr. Scott Gross** | National Science Foundation | GRANTED | *Research Infrastructure: Establishing a Technology Transfer Office at CSUSM*

**Kseniya Gregory** | Extended Learning/ALCI | Eurasia Foundation subaward, US Department of State | Youth Leadership Programs with Algeria, Iraq, the Philippines, and Russia | *2024 Russian Youth Environmental Program*

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## AWARDS

### ***Congratulations to those who received awards recently:***

**Drs. Ali Ahmadiania, Sreedevi Gutta, Justin Morris, and Hamed Nademi** | CSTEM/Computer Science | National Science Foundation | Expand AI | *AI-Assisted Supervisory Control of Wind Farm Connection to the Grid for Stability Monitoring*

**Dr. Carmen Nava** | CHABSS/Dean's Office | CSU Office of the Chancellor, Subaward Lumina Foundation | Building Transformational Cultures | *Building Transformational Cultures of Data Use for Student Success*

**Drs. Theresa Suarez, Madeline Lee, and Christina Holub** | CHABSS/Sociology | Catalyst subaward, California Department of Social Services | Stop the Hate | *CSUSM and community partners form Unifying APIDA Communities Together (U-ACT)*

**Drs. Tara Fetherolf & Gerardo Dominguez** | CSTEM/Physics | UC, Riverside, Subaward National Aeronautics and Space Administration | TESS | *Stellar Rotation Periods and Activity Cycles with TESS*

**Dr. Sabrina Liu** | CEHHS/Human Development | American Psychological Foundation | Trauma Grants | *Intergenerational Transmission of Racial Trauma: Advancing Understanding of Biological and Psychological Pathways*

**Dr. Sabrina Liu** | CEHHS/Human Development | Chapman University subaward, CA Governor's office of Planning & Research | Precision Medicine | *Using Precision Medicine to Tackle Impacts of Adverse and Unpredictable Experiences on Children's Neurodevelopment*

**Dr. Sabrina Liu** | CEHHS/Human Development | Chapman University subaward, NIH | Supplement to NIMH grants | *Fragmented Early Life Environment and Emotional/Cognitive Vulnerabilities*

**Dr. Bianca Mothé** | CSTEM/Biology | Prebys Foundation | Excellence in scientific research | *Mothe Research Funds*

**Dr. Julie Jameson** | CSTEM/Biology | Prebys Foundation | Excellence in scientific research |

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## FEATURED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Program:** [Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program](#)

**Sponsor:** Department of Education

**Synopsis:** The purposes of the PPOHA Program are to: (1) Expand postbaccalaureate educational opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students; and (2) expand the postbaccalaureate academic offerings, as well as enhance the program quality, at the institutions of higher education (IHEs) that are educating the majority of Hispanic college students and helping large numbers of Hispanic and low-income students complete postsecondary degrees.

**Deadline:** Anticipated competition in Spring 2024. To express interest in an internal competition to proceed (there may only be one submission per campus), please email [grants@csusm.edu](mailto:grants@csusm.edu) by February 2. The 2022 competition information may be referenced as the solicitation is not expected to change significantly.

**Program:** [Diversifying entrepreneurship and empowering investors](#)

**Sponsor:** Nasdaq Foundation

**Synopsis:** Driven by Nasdaq's Purpose to advance economic progress for all, the Nasdaq Foundation works with organizations that promote & support under-resourced communities by reimagining investor engagement and equipping communities with the financial knowledge needed to share in the wealth that markets create.

**Deadlines in 2024:** February 9, May 10, August 9, November 8

To express interest in the Nasdaq Foundation opportunity contact [Christine Andersen](#) in University Advancement.

**Program:** [MUREP Institution Research Opportunity \(MIRO\)](#)

**Sponsor:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**Synopsis:** The Collaborative Research program aims to advance humanistic knowledge by fostering rich scholarship that a single researcher could not accomplish working alone. The program supports sustained collaboration by teams of two or more scholars. Teams may propose research in a single field of study or interdisciplinary work. NEH encourages projects that incorporate multiple points of view and pursue new avenues of inquiry in the humanities.

**Deadline:** February 14

**Program:** [Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project Grant](#)

**Sponsor:** National Institutes of Health

**Synopsis:** The Stephen I. Katz Early Stage Investigator Research Project Grant supports an innovative project that represents a change in research direction for an early stage investigator (ESI) and for which no preliminary data exist. Applications submitted to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) must not include preliminary data. Applications must include a separate attachment describing the change in research direction.

An Early Stage Investigator is a Program Director / Principal Investigator (PD/PI) who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and who has not previously competed successfully as PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award. A list of NIH grants that a PD/PI can hold and still be considered an ESI can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/list-smaller-grants.htm>

**Deadlines in 2024:** May 29, September 26

**Program:** [Collaborative Research](#)

**Sponsor:** National Endowment for The Humanities

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collaboration by teams of two or more scholars. Teams may propose research in a single field of study or interdisciplinary work. NEH encourages projects that incorporate multiple points of view and pursue new avenues of inquiry in the humanities.

**Deadline:** Watch for 2024 deadline

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**CSUSM Highlight (send submissions to [grants@csusm.edu](mailto:grants@csusm.edu))**

### **Unifying APIDA Communities Together (U-ACT) at CSUSM**

**By Madeline Lee, U-ACT Co-Investigator**



In response to the dramatic surge in hate crimes, an interdisciplinary team of CSUSM faculty, led by Dr. Theresa Suarez (Sociology) and joined by Dr. Madeline Lee (Social Work) and Dr. Christina Holub (Public Health), has been awarded one of the 173 Stop the Hate Program grants from the California Department of Social Services.

With \$600,000 awarded over two years, the team-named Unifying APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) Communities Together (U-ACT)-aims to better position CSUSM to address anti-Asian tension, hate, bias, and discrimination, as well as their consequences. U-ACT will provide needs assessment research, consultation services, and facilities support for prevention and intervention services primarily in Northern San Diego County through a collaboration with three community partners: "UMEKE; Save Our Streets (SOS)/Youth Opportunities Network Inc.; and OCA Asian Pacific Americans Advocates – San Diego Charter.

As the grant activities are getting underway, Leah Tsao, president of OCA APA shared that she is "inspired, energized, and looks forward to keeping the momentum going" The grant partnership will help build their organizational capacity. Wayne Godinet, founder and director of SOS, expressed, "It is refreshing that we're coming together in this unified way." He recognizes this grant is uniquely bringing community organizations together with CSUSM, and it provides SOS with an opportunity to amplify their efforts to address community violence and fair and equitable access to public spaces. For founder and board president of 'UMEKE and CSUSM alumna, Ilima Kam Martinez, being a partner for this grant has brought her full circle in her passion to preserve and perpetuate the culture and traditions of Hawai'i.

This collective work with community partners as U-ACT is an intentional expression of CSUSM's commitment to work with and for underserved priority populations in our midst-namely intergenerational Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities, as well as Asian, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian communities. Ultimately, the goal is to build sustainable and sustaining cross-racial alliances and



promote solidarity work.

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