Symposium for Student Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement

The 19th annual Symposium for Student Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement was held on Thursday, April 12, 2018. Over 170 students participated in 22 oral presentations, 60 poster presentations, 8 exhibits and one performance. Fifty-nine faculty and staff served as mentors. Approximately 600 students attended one or more of the sessions. Highlights from the Symposium can be viewed at http://www.sru.edu/academics/research/student-symposium.

Proposal Development Travel Fund

This program is intended to provide the opportunity for faculty and staff to communicate with program officers about funding activities in preparation for submitting a proposal for external funding.

This program provides travel support for full-time faculty and staff to:

- meet with program officers at a funding agency,
- attend a proposal preparation workshop, a funding information conference, or a bidder’s conference sponsored by a funding agency, or
- attend a proposal preparation workshop, a funding information conference, or a bidder’s conference that is part of a professional meeting.

To download eligibility requirements and request form, visit our website.

Faculty Incentive Program for Grant Writing

This program provides an opportunity for tenure or tenure-track faculty members to apply for compensation for developing and writing a competitive grant proposal for a large research grant or sponsored program. The grant proposal must be a minimum of $50,000 in direct costs to apply for one week compensation. For proposals larger than $100,000 in direct costs, two weeks of compensation can be requested. Applications are accepted at any time.

The guidelines for applying and the application form can be obtained at http://www.sru.edu/offices/grants-research-and-sponsored-programs/funding-opportunities.

Contact the Grants Office for more information.

Award notices were received for 14 external grant proposals totaling $615,179 for the time period July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Save the Date!

Professional Development Day will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018

The theme for the day is “Educating Citizens for the Public Good: Enhancing Learning through Community and Civic Engagement.” Deadline to submit a proposal to present a session is Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Submission instructions can be found on the website.
**Robert Arnhold**, Physical and Health Education, received an award in the amount of $150,067 from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry/Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) for the continuation of the Transition Program (TAP). This program provides high school students with disabilities who are OVR-eligible with pre-employment, work-based learning experiences in the community.

**Robert Arnhold**, Physical and Health Education, received an award in the amount of $5,000 from XTO Energy, Inc. for the continuation of the Transition Program at SRU.

**Deborah Baker**, Special Events, received an award in the amount of $1,418 from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to provide support for *Nobuntu*, a multi-award winning women’s a cappella ensemble from Zimbabwe.

**Renee Bateman**, Student Health Services, received an award in the amount of $39,447 from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for the Reduce Underage Dangerous Drinking Program.

**Genevieve Bordogna**, Office of Global Engagement, received a notification from the International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) that they will provide $12,911 to sponsor a student from Pakistan in the Spring 2018 semester.

**Renee Decker**, Government Contracting Assistance Center, received an award in the amount of $24,000 from the Defense Logistics Agency through California University of Pennsylvania to support salary and travel for the director of the Center at SRU.

**Kelly Goeller and Courtney Gramlich**, Storm Harbor Equestrian Center, received a grant in the amount of $1,000 from the Pennsylvania Horse Show Foundation to provide funding for the Special Olympics Program.

**Betsy Kemeny**, Recreational Therapy, and **Courtney Gramlich**, Storm Harbor Equestrian Center, received a grant in the amount of $59,377 from the Office of Veterans Affairs for the expansion of the adaptive sports program for veterans with disabilities.

**Wendy Leitera**, Cooperative Activities, received an award in the amount of $280,725 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education through LifeSteps, Inc. for Pre-K Counts program to provide tuition-free pre-kindergarten opportunities for eligible children. This is Year 5 of a five-year grant totaling $1,282,636.

**Lia Paradis**, History, received an award in the amount of $22,500 from the PNC Foundation for the continuation of the Humanities Ladder project. This is Year 2 of a two-year award totaling $45,000.

**Debra Pincek**, Student Services, received an award in the amount of $14,294 from the U.S. Department of Education for the CCAMPIS child care program. This program provides scholarships to children of SRU students to attend day care while the parents are taking classes. This is Year 01 of a five-year award totaling $57,176.

**Amy Rickman**, Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences, received an award in the amount of $1,500 from the Pennsylvania Faculty Health & Welfare Fund to conduct the Wellness Expo in April 2018.

**Joy Urda and Beth Larouere**, Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences, received an award in the amount of $1,500 from the Pennsylvania Faculty Health & Wellness Fund to provide meditation classes to faculty and staff to improve wellness.

**Joy Urda and Beth Larouere**, Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences, received an award in the amount of $1,440 from the Pennsylvania Faculty Health & Wellness Fund to provide yoga classes to faculty and staff to improve wellness.
Program support grants: What funders are looking for now
3 must-haves for standing out

As far as grants go, nonprofit pros know program funding is just about as good as it gets. These ultra-desirable grants support a specific project or activity, and are tied to a specific outcome. There are countless advantages to program support. But before you start applying, you should consider a few factors you’ll need:

1. **Assessment tools.** Make sure to define your measurable outcomes and benchmarks for progress. And don’t forget to use them!

2. **A clear and concise message.** Always state your organization’s position in a way that’s moving and engaging to your audience.

3. **Situation statement.** This should be used to define and represent the issue your nonprofit supports. For example, “Families in our community lack access to affordable housing.”

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**Norton Undergraduate Research Scholarship**

Sarah Allen received funding in the amount of $500 for a project titled, *Inter-arm Systolic Blood Pressure Difference: Exploring Mechanisms*. Brock Jensen, Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences, is the cooperating faculty member on this project.

Grascen Shidemantle received funding in the amount of $500 for a project titled, *Effects of Imidacloprid Exposure on Amphibian Thyroid Hormone Levels Throughout Metamorphosis*. Paul Falso, Biology, is the cooperating faculty member on this project.

Dominique Moye received funding in the amount of $500 for a project titled, *The Effect of Eryngial on Neosporum caninum*. Wayne Forbes, Biology, is the cooperating faculty member on this project.

**Green Fund**

Dallas Cott, Facilities and Planning, was awarded $10,120 for the Campus Trees project.

Tanner McCall and Dallas Cott, Facilities & Planning, were awarded $6,807 for the Harrisville School Trees project.

Christine Glenn-McHenry, Hospitality, Event Management & Tourism, was awarded $9,607 for the Portable Recycling System Project.

Joel Brown, Facilities & Planning, was awarded $14,250 for the Cardboard Bailer Acquisition project.

Ryan Naylor (Student), Between Two Trees/ SRU Hammocking Club and Shawn Davis (Faculty), Parks, Conservation & Recreational Therapy/Advisor, Between Two Trees/ SRU Hammocking Club, were awarded $1,973 for the project titled, Planting Ten Trees Alongside of Boarder of Rugby Field.
Internal Grant Awards, Continued

Faculty/Student Research Grants

Qi Chen, Chemistry, was awarded $4,915 for a project titled, Searching for Antiviral Agents: Synthesis and Drug Action Mechanism Study. Two students will be participating.

Paul Falso, Biology, was awarded $5,000 for a project titled, Analysis of Immune and Endocrine Function in African clawed frogs (Xenopus laevis) After Pesticide E. Two students will be participating.

Wayne Forbes, Biology, was awarded $4,888 for a project titled, An Investigation of the Anti-Neospora Caninum Activity of Eryngial, In Vitro. One student will be participating.

Susan Hadley, Music, was awarded $4,627 for a project titled, Disability Discourse in Music Therapy texts. Eight students will be participating.

Heather Hertel, Art, was awarded $5,000 for a project titled, Soar: An Interdisciplinary Performance Project. One student will be participating.

Jennifer Keller, Dance, was awarded $4,899 for a project titled, Creating an Urban Dance Film. Ten students will be participating.

Istvan Kovacs, Physical and Health Education, was awarded $4,231 for a project titled, Loop-Drive Training Utilizing Biomechanical Feedback Among Amateur Table Tennis Players. One student will be participating.

Sarah Kuehn, Criminology and Security Studies, was awarded $3,112 for a project titled, College Major Selection. Two students will be participating.

Kathleen Melago, Music, was awarded $4,520 for a project titled, Two Works for Flute and Tuba Euphonium Ensemble. One student will be participating.

Li Pu, Communication, was awarded $4,450 for a project titled, Framing Analysis of American News Coverage on Sino-Japanese Relationship, 2000-2016. Two students will be participating.

Susan Rehorek, Biology, was awarded $2,180 for a project titled, Identity of Secretions of the Harderian Gland: A Comparative Study. One student will be participating.

Student Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities

Austin McClinton received funding in the amount of $500 for a project titled, The Effects of Muscular Endurance vs. Power Training for Upper Body Strength of College Aged Students. Istvan Kovacs, Physical and Health Education, is the cooperating faculty member on this project.

Dominique Moye received funding in the amount of $500 for a project titled, The Effect of Eryngial on Neosporum caninum. Wayne Forbes, Biology, is the cooperating faculty member on this project.