

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 of 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](#).

External Awards Received July 1, 2017 — December 31, 2017

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 Leiterra, 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 for 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.

Proposal Writing Tips and Tricks

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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Internal Grant Awards

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 Neosporium 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 Border 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.

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