Students Present Projects at the PSU Research Colloquium

Over 100 undergraduate and graduate students participated in the PSU Research Colloquium on April 8, 2015 at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts. 34 oral presentations and 54 research posters were presented. There were projects from Engineering Technology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology, Technology and Workforce Learning, School of Construction, Communication, Economics, English, Nursing, Psychology, Business Administration, Art, and Graphics and Imaging Technology. Awards were presented at the 2015 Graduate School and Research Awards Banquet held on April 15, 2015. An award was given for every five entries to graduate and undergraduate students for oral and poster presentation in the following categories: Category A: Science and Technology, Category B: Business, Education and Humanities, Category C: Creative Works and Category D: Literature Review Poster Presentations.

Thank you to all the students who participated and faculty who mentored student research projects. Congratulations to the award winners: Category A: Undergraduate Poster 1st Place: Blaze Heckert; 2nd Place: Deaven Thompson,; 3rd Place: Mayuri Murali, Peyton Drouhard, Marshall West, Mitchel Floyd and Kyle Lichtenauer. Kyle Ragan, Aaron Noack, Tyler Casteel, Nick Crain Brendan Herrera. Undergraduate Oral Presentation First Place: Kyle Ragan, Aaron Noack, Tyler Casteel, Nick Crain and Brendan Herrera. Graduate Poster 1st Place Jeremy McClenann; 2nd Place: Samantha McNeely. Graduate Oral Presentation 1st Place: Jyothi Kallu, 2nd Place: Nelson Elbers. Category B: Undergraduate Poster 1st Place: Crystal Davis; Undergraduate Oral Presentation 1st Place: Elizabeth Spencer; Graduate Poster 1st Place: Justin Newman; Graduate Oral Presentation 1st Place: Valquiria Vita. Category C: Undergraduate Poster 1st Place: Catherine Jepson; Undergraduate Oral Presentation 1st Place: Laura Allgood; Graduate Oral Presentation 1st Place: Kacie Cooper. Category D: Undergraduate Poster 1st Place: Karsten Creech and Tayita Abudu; Graduate Poster 1st Place: Alheli Aranda Britz, John Thorpe, Kachisicho Ogbo and Grace Anderson; Graduate Poster 2nd Place: Kuralay Kussainova.
Congratulations to the undergraduate students below who have been awarded $300 from PSU Research and Grants Administration after being selected by their respective academic conferences to present research findings.

Lauren Renner, Psychology and Counseling: International Dyslexia Association Conference: San Diego, CA
Ashley Jimenez, Tyler Elmore, Kalee Woody, Blaze Heckert, Juan Gaucin, Chemistry: American Chemical Society Midwest Regional Meeting: Columbia, MO
Alexis McKinnon, Stephanie Baima, Peyton Drouhard, Kyle Lichtenauer, Mitchell Floyd Psychology and Counseling: Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science: New York, NY
Rikki Miller and Grace Irion, Psychology and Counseling: Southwestern Psychological Association: Wichita, KS

Grantsmanship Center Funding Search Database

Pittsburg State University faculty and staff have access to the Grantsmanship Center Funding Search Database. Graduate and Continuing Studies has purchased a license to the database. It can be accessed in the Office of Graduate and Continuing Studies. Faculty and staff can log in and complete a funding search related to their topic of interest. The database contains government, not for profit and corporate funding information.
Faculty Outstanding Scholarship Awards

PSU Faculty participate in a broad range of scholarly activity including basic research, applied research, development of best practices for teaching and learning and creative works to name a few. In order to recognize faculty who are engaged in outstanding scholarship and outstanding mentoring of students conducting research, the Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award and Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award were presented at the PSU Graduate School and Research Awards Banquet on April 15, 2015. The nominees for the awards were Ram Gupta, Chemistry; Stephen Harmon, History; David Hurford, Psychology and Counseling; Sang-Heui Lee, Management and Marketing; Mike Carper, HHPR; Jody Neef, Chemistry and Santimukul Santra, Chemistry. The winner of the Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award was Dr. Ram Gupta. The Winner of the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award was Dr. Santimukul Santra. Thank you to all the faculty who conduct scholarly activity that enriches the campus for our students!

Below Provost Lynette Olson and Dr. Santimukul Santra
PSU faculty work on many different types of research and creative projects. PSU Research and Grants Administration provides incentives for faculty to include students in these projects. Faculty can apply for up to $2,000 to conduct an independent research project including students; up to $1,000 to incorporate a research experience within a course; and up to $1,000 for stipends to include students in research. There is a fall and spring deadline, September 15th and February 2nd. Independent Research Projects include faculty research and creative works which students are the co-investigators and will be listed as co-authors for publications and presentations.

The Independent Research Projects awarded in the spring of 2015 were Harry Humphries, HPSS: Framing the Gift of Life Among Nephrology Social Workers and Nurses; Mike Carper, HHPR: Comparison of Strength Gains in One Set versus Three Sets of Incline Bench Press; Jay Van wyk & Sang-Heui Lee, Management and Marketing: Institutions and Logistic Performance in Emerging Markets: Latent Growth Curve Model; Susan Carlson, English: Analyzing and Improving the Proficient Prose Literacy Skills of Undergraduate English Majors at Pittsburg State University and Emporia State University; and Portico Bowman, Art: Letterpress: Contemporary Studio Practice.