March 22, 2017 Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 1:09 PM

Present

VP Finance
Sheila Wang

AVP Finance
Ryan Lou

Integrated Sciences Representative
Caroline Sutton

Member-at-Large
Talia Ada Ang

Physics Representative
Arnold Choa

Regrets

Astronomy Representative
Hikari Rachmat

Mathematics Representative
Tommi Muller

Statistics Representative
Oscar Tu

Member-at-Large
Alyssa Yong

Member-at-Large
Thomas Hoang

Club Careers Night Grants:

BCS Club
- Hackathons are uncommon at UBC
- 50 attendees is a good amount of people + 10 mentors
  - $400.00 for food (whole day) is not a large amount for that many people
  - Need to reimburse the industry mentors who will help attendees
- This will help attendees gauge their skill level and can form connections with industry members
- Full Grant ($300.00) approved

Undergraduate Statistics Society
- 50 attendees is a good number for the size of the department
- Based on similar events from other clubs, it should help Statistics students to network with industry professionals
• Food/drinks, gifts for panelists and flyers for promotion are reasonable expenses for an event like this
• **Full Grant ($300.00) approved**

**Research Incentive Grant**

**Saman Fouladirad**
• Has progressed from a volunteer researcher to a lab manager based on his experience
  o From the letter, he appears to be hard working has good undergraduate student management skills
• Goes towards presenting his findings at a conference
  o Will help with his presentation skills and the materials are not cheap
• His research skills have developed significantly from this opportunity
• **Full Grant ($250.00) approved**

**Yasmin Banga**
• This experience and learning statistical tools in the process will help develop her research skills for her research goals of dealing with chronic illness
• This research will benefit the community and will expose her to the process of performing clinical trials
• Her research project allows her to collaborate with graduate and medical students, helping her learn from their experiences and to obtain feedback on her research
• **Full Grant ($250.00) approved**

**Professional Development Grant:**

**Melody Salehzadeh**
• Spends 25 hours a week in the lab, demonstrating consistent work in the lab since January 2016
• Costs are reasonable to go to Long Beach at that time of year, including the hotel and flights
• Will increase her exposure to neuroendocrinology and help her network with other scientists in the field and will help with her long-term research goals
• **Full Grant ($300.00) approved**

**Shivani Mysuria**
• Expenses are for the conference are reasonable (poster and registration fee)
• Relevant to presenting her research that she has been doing for the past 5 years
  o Also has done a project in a related field
• Mental health is research heavy and that we need more people interested in that field
• **Full Grant ($109.55) approved**
Andrea Louise Buenconsejo
- Living in Germany is expensive (even more so in Hannover) and even with her monthly wages it is not enough to cover
- Has applied for other grants to supplement her wages
- This relates to her long-term goals to go to graduate school and is a great experience doing physics research in Germany
- **Full Grant ($300.00) approved**

**Student Initiative Grant:**

Shawna Narayan
- Will help high school students determine if UBC Science is right for them
- Does not exactly meet an unmet need in the Science Undergraduate Society
- This initiative does not directly benefit to Science Students, but is of some relevance to science (mentorship high school students about UBC Science)
  - We cannot grant the full amount, but seeing it as a worthy cause we decided to grant half the requested amount and a grant cannot be applied for this initiative next year.
- **Half Grant ($250.00) approved**

**Special Projects Grants:**

ESSA – Tree Planting ($411.00)
- Money is for the trees, which helps spread awareness of the disappearing Garry Oak tree
- Is on campus near the Earth Science Building on Main Mall, so many students can see and will last for a long time
- Is a new project and is a good way for people get together at the end of the year
- **Full Grant ($411.00) approved**