



Science Undergraduate Society

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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
 - From the letter, he appears to be hard working has good undergraduate student management skills
- Goes towards presenting his findings at a conference
 - 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
 - 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**