GEOSPATIAL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

Spring 2018 -- $2000
(Open to undergraduate and graduate students)

The Award
The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS) is pleased to announce the donation of funds to sponsor student research utilizing geospatial techniques and tools, i.e., geographical information systems (GIS), mapping (cartography), and/or remote sensing. The donors, all CSUC alumni, include Chuck Nelson, former Director of the GIC; Jerry Williams, retired CSUC faculty; and Terry Williams, retired Northern California educator. The donors wish not only to promote the use of geographical techniques and tools in research, but also to recognize and support high quality student-centered learning. Any research, regardless of subject matter, is eligible if it utilizes geospatial techniques. The research, however, must be an independent undergraduate or graduate student-designed project, such as those undertaken in honors, senior theses, or master’s theses/projects.

Eligibility Criteria
• Applicants must have a basic knowledge of GIS, cartography (mapping), and/or remote sensing principles, including a competence in the use of a computer and basic GIS and/or programming as it relates to data and data compilation.
• Awardees must work with a faculty sponsor or qualified staff with basic knowledge of the geospatial techniques and tools utilized in their project.
• Research must be original and cannot be part of an assigned classroom project.
• Awardees must present a written report and are encouraged to present their research at a university or college sponsored forum or at a professional meeting.

Conditions
The Award may be used for the purchase of supplies or equipment or for travel to field sites. Academic credit can be granted for the project, but it is not required for an award. Awardees that use the Geographical Information Center (GIC) or campus GIS services will have to coordinate with the Director of the GIC or appropriate campus official for use of resources. No faculty or staff members will be paid through the grant nor will the grant cover indirect costs.

Students’ use of licensed software, trademarked and licensed spatial data and printing materials must be coordinated with the appropriate University department or the GIC.

Timeline and Recipient Selection Process
Deadline for receipt of applications is April 2, 2018, at 4:00 pm.

The committee, a representative chosen by the Dean of BSS, the Social Science Department Chair and the Director of the GIC, will review and recommend the projects to be funded. Any additional information concerning funding and payments will be included with the award packet.

Students from any academic college may apply. Specific details about the application process can be found on the current application available below.

Up to one third of the award can be withheld pending completion of a final report.

Final reports are due one year from receiving the award or at completion of a degree, whichever comes first.

Applications and questions should be directed to the attention of:
Dr. Eugenie Rovai, SOSC and Special Programs (530-898-6091) or by email: Erovai@csuchico.edu
Application for Spring 2018

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Please Type or Print in Ink

Full Name: ___________________________ Undergrad _______ Grad student ______

CSU ID# ___________________ Major ___________________ Expected Graduation Date: __________

CSUC email address: _______________________________________________________________

Contact Phone: __________________________

Research Project Title: _______________________________________________________________

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Attach the following to this form:

1. **Description**: Provide a concept description of your project using geospatial techniques and/or tools: a) the nature of the project, b) the methods you will employ, c) how you will incorporate geospatial technologies, d) the role your advisor will play in the project. Your concept description should be no longer than two type-written pages, double-spaced. Also include an estimated budget for the project and list perceived costs that will be covered by the award. Concept descriptions should be clear and well written for a general audience.

2. Please note that a percentage of the grant may be withheld pending completion of the final paper.

3. **Faculty/Staff Advisor**: The advisor’s signature reflects an endorsement of the project and a commitment to mentor the student as well as encourage that the project results be presented in a professional forum.

4. **Applicant Signature**: ___________________________ Date: __________

5. **Faculty Sponsor Signature**: ___________________________ Date: __________

**Assemble materials in the following order**: Application form, and concept description, and estimated budget.

*Submit one original, completely assembled packet, stapled in upper left corner to: Social Science Department Office, located in Butte Hall 611, no later than 4:00pm on April 2, 2018.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Eugenie Rovai, Chair, Social Sciences at 530-898-6091 or ERovai@csuchico.