



CI Receives \$354,978 Grant from National Science Foundation

Camarillo, CA., June 7, 2010 - CSU Channel Islands (CI) received a \$354,978 grant from the National Science Foundation to establish the CI summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU).

Each summer the REU program will allow a group of 12 undergraduate students research experience and the program is funded for three years. Students will work with four faculty members as they explore the world of mathematical research in an 8-week residential summer program. They will have the added benefit of cooperating with the faculty and students of the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo in Mexico.

The REU program is targeted for students who might not otherwise have considered mathematics as a career choice and has a special focus on students from under-represented groups, women and minorities and a special emphasis on students who are Spanish speaking or are first generation college students.

Dr. Cynthia Wyels, Associate Professor of Mathematics said that, "Our primary goal for student participants is to conduct original mathematical research leading to publication. We wish to raise students' level of mathematical maturity and confidence while fostering an enthusiasm for mathematics." The mission of the National Science Foundation in awarding the grant is to support activities that integrate research and learning and stimulate and prepare students to consider a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Students will have a chance to work closely with faculty mentors on an original research project and to present their research at a conference. They will be housed in Anacapa Village in Camarillo. In developing a learning community, students will develop confidence to succeed in ongoing mathematical studies.

Dr. Sadiq Shah, Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs, stated, "These are very competitive awards and this grant award is a validation of the creative talent of our faculty at CSU Channel Islands and the faculty commitment to engage students in innovative research experiences."

For further information on the REU program please contact Dr. Shah at sadiq.shah@csuci.edu.

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CI Mission Statement

Placing students at the center of the educational experience, California State University Channel Islands provides undergraduate and graduate education that facilitates learning within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.