

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

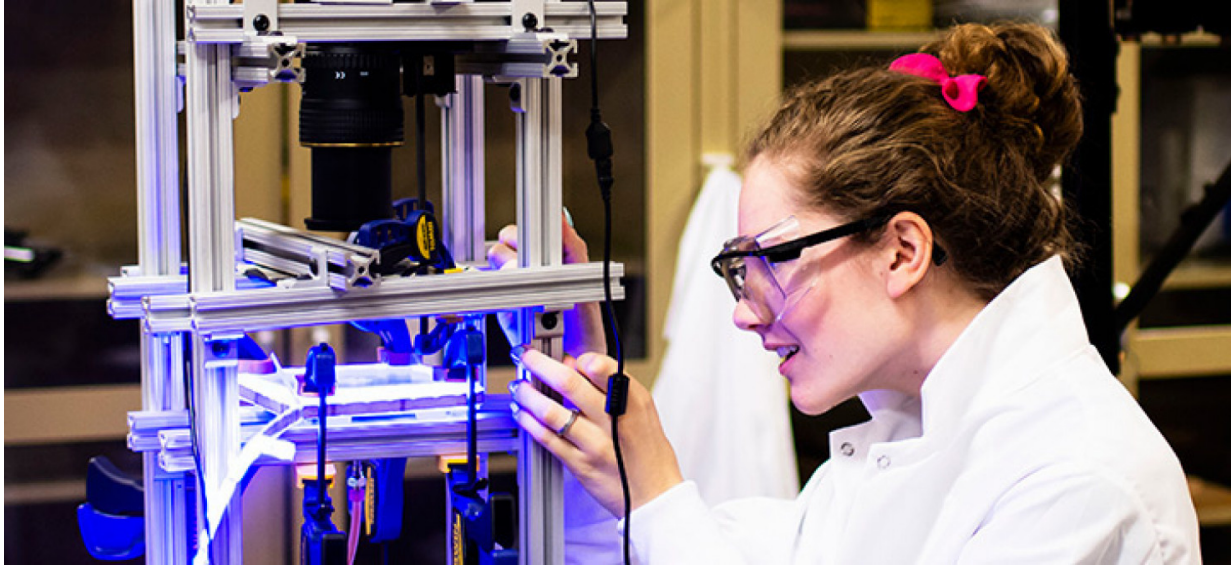
WEEKLY NEWS

Note from Dr. Kirby

As many of you know, there is currently a strike action scheduled by faculty across CSU campuses from January 22 to January 26. Many of the faculty in the ISLA Department and the STS Program will be taking part in the strike. It is important to note that striking faculty are still very invested in providing students the best possible educational experiences at Cal Poly. In fact, improving student learning conditions is one of the factors behind the strike. Additionally, faculty are taking part in this action in order to receive fair wages that keep pace with the cost of living, gain access to more parental leave, improve their working conditions, and to set a livable minimum standard for the lowest paid faculty. You can find out more information about the reasons behind the strike action here: <https://www.calfac.org/resources/student-faq/>

A reminder that my office hours this quarter are Tu 1-3PM and Th 1-3PM. You can drop by my office at these times or you can contact me via Zoom using this link: 6247671135. As always, I am also happy to set up other meeting times if you are not able to make these office hours. Just send me an email and we can arrange a day/time. However, if the strike action moves forward on the 22nd then I will not be available until after the action is over.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Apply Now! The 2024 CSU Student Research & Creative Activity Competition is open!

The CSU Student Research & Creative Activity Competition is held each spring to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments across the 23 CSU campuses.

The competition is open to all disciplines and to current undergraduate and graduate students and 2023 alums. Please see [directions for participants in Creative Arts & Design](#). Cash prizes are awarded.

Want to participate? Submissions are due by noon on Sunday 1/21/24 via [InfoReady](#).

Learn more:

Info Session: Th 1/11/24, 11:10am-12pm (Zoom Meeting ID 883 6250 1116)[Office of Student Research Website](#)

Stay up to date! Follow the Office of Student Research on Instagram [@calpolystudentresearch](#). Questions? Please email studentresearch@calpoly.edu

Cal Poly will host an internal competition on February 23-24, 2024 to select 10 projects to represent the campus at the CSU-wide competition. Cal Poly is hosting the CSU-wide competition on April 26-27, 2024. The format of the competition is in-person.



MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY

DO YOU LIKE FILM?

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED
TO PLAN AND EXECUTE A FILM
FESTIVAL?

WOULD YOU LIKE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FOLKS
IN THE FILM INDUSTRY?



CONNECT WITH PEERS
INTERESTED IN FILM!



BUILD IMPORTANT
INDUSTRY SKILLS!

INTERESTED? CONTACT DR. EMILY RYALLS
ERYALLS@CALPOLY.EDU

Mustang Film Society Starting!

Mustang Film Society is a new club on campus aimed at fostering a community around film and providing students interested in film with opportunities to connect to others in the film industry and explore their interests!

If interested, please contact Dr. Emily Ryalls at eyalls@calpoly.edu

CAL POLY 1ST GEN

UNIV 111

First Generation College Students Group Dialogue

- ☑ Support for students who experience marginalization.
- ☑ Explore your identities and experiences in a supportive environment.
- ☑ **Connect** with **peers, mentors, and professionals** who share similar backgrounds.
- ☑ Learn new **skills** to manage stressors unique to your experiences.
- ☑ Discover your **strengths, personal attributes, power, and resources!**

Interested? Scan QR code or follow this link:
tinyurl.com/4vy5xzca

Questions? Email: acabezas@calpoly.edu



CAL POLY
Campus Health
& Wellbeing

First Generation Student Course Offering

We are currently enrolling for the UNIV 111 class: First Generation College Students Group Dialogue for Winter Quarter. This a CR/NC 1-unit course that is intended to address issues common for First Generation College Students who hold marginalized identities.

We will be offering two sections of the class: Monday 2:10PM-4PM and Tuesday 2:10-4PM. Each section can enroll up to 10 students.

The class is an excellent opportunity to meet other students and mentors with similar backgrounds and shared experiences, while instilling a sense of community. It is a great resource for students who are struggling to adjust to Cal Poly and who may be underrepresented &/or marginalized on this campus. In the class, students are encouraged to discover new strengths and potentials that help them thrive at Cal Poly. We share information about resources on campus that will support their academic success. We focus on building skills to manage stressors unique to their experiences.

Our class will offer students the opportunity to prioritize their topics of interest and curriculum will then reflect the emerging needs of students involved.



If a student is interested, they may scan the QR code in the flyer to request a permission code. The link is included here: [Interest Form](#).

EVENTS

Student-Run Multidisciplinary Hackathon



January 20 - 21 @ CIE HotHouse

-  **HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN**
-  **SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
-  **COMMUNITY**



[Learn More](#)

ALL MAJORS WELCOME - SIGN UP NOW

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED! CASH PRIZES!



CAL POLY
Center for Innovation
& Entrepreneurship

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IG @camppolyhacks

Camp PolyHacks - Student Run Multidisciplinary Hackathon

Are you a student with a passion for problem-solving and a desire to make a positive impact in SLO? Camp PolyHacks is a unique (and free!) opportunity for students from diverse backgrounds to come together and tackle real-world challenges facing San Luis Obispo. The only prerequisites are curiosity, creativity, and a desire to create positive change.

Whether you already have a specific project in mind or want to collaborate with our community partners to work on a known problem, we have you covered. Choose to participate in one of the four tracks this year:

Civic engagement | Artificial intelligence

Continue a class project | Partner with Amazon AWS

[Sign up to participate in the 2024 Camp PolyHacks Hackathon](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERNSHIPS



CAL POLY

2024 Panetta Institute Congressional Internship Program



CAL POLY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the Panetta Congressional Internship Program, a fully funded experience in Washington, D.C., available to selected California State University students. Each fall quarter the Panetta Institute for Public Policy presents a two-week training session on the campus of CSU Monterey. Students then head to Washington, D.C., for 11 weeks to work in the office of a California member of the House of Representatives while earning college credit.

APPLICANTS FROM ALL MAJORS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Matriculating third- or fourth-year with junior or senior status during the time of the internship and has not applied for graduation.
- Exemplary leadership abilities
- U.S. citizen and California resident
- Demonstrates commitment to community and public service
- GPA 3.5 or above
- Less than 180 credit quarter units

Join Danielle Bello, Cal Poly's 2023 Panetta Intern, for an information session to gain insights into her experience and receive valuable advice as a future applicant! The session will include a presentation and opportunities for Q&A.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024. 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Room E27, Science Building (No. 52)



For more information regarding eligibility, the application process and program details, contact the Office of the Provost at 805-756-2186 or visit provost.calpoly.edu/content/internship.

The Cal Poly Panetta Congressional Intern is supported in part through the Ed and Jan Slevin Congressional Internship Endowment.

Panetta Congressional Internship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Panetta Institute Congressional Internship Program. Now in its 26th year, this prestigious program is designed to encourage and develop future leaders as well as prepare individuals for greater civic involvement. Cal Poly has been participating in this program since 2001. Our past interns consistently agree this internship was a meaningful experience.

Third or fourth year, junior and senior students are invited to apply. This opportunity is open to qualified students from ANY major who have an interest in Congress, civil leadership or public

service. Complete program requirements and application details are available at <https://provost.calpoly.edu/content/internship>.

The application deadline is 12:00 pm, Monday, February 12, 2024.

Questions may be directed to Natalie Rodriguez (nrodri83@calpoly.edu or 756-2186).

Gravity Water 2024 Internship Opportunities

-OUR MISSION-

"Gravity Water turns rain into safe water for schools in need around the world."

-OUR VALUES-

Integrity, Enthusiasm, Connection, Leadership, Perseverance

-OUR CORE PRINCIPLES-

"We do our best in our capacity."

"We communicate with clarity and mindfulness."

"We stay connected to our mission."

"We value collaboration."

"We see challenges as opportunities."

Gravity Water is a US-based 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization that focuses on providing clean drinking water to communities in developing countries by utilizing a unique, electricity-free approach.

If you are motivated and excited about learning and making a difference in mitigating the global water crisis and looking to gain real-world experience within a growing non-profit organization, Gravity Water may be the place for you! We have several internship opportunities for students, like you, within our Youth Initiative Program and University Chapters at UCSB and CalPoly

Open internship positions:

- University Program Outreach Coordinator (1 position)
- University Program Event Coordinator (1 position)

Increase Accessibility to Clean Drinking Water!

Gravity Water is a global nonprofit organization that is dedicated to providing clean drinking water to schools in Nepal and Vietnam by installing rainwater filtration systems. For more information, please see the attached pdf.

Gravity Water 2024 Internship Opportunities

[Click here for Gravity Water Internship Extended Information](#)

[↓ download](#)

BECOME A CLA PEER ADVISOR

IF YOU ARE...

- Detail-oriented
- Self-motivated
- Friendly
- A CLA student

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Flexible schedule
- Learning valuable work & academic skills
- Supporting student success
- \$16/hour

Must be able to work at least the full 2024-2025 academic year.

**Learn more and apply at
cla.calpoly.edu/become-cla-peer-advisor**

Application due on Friday, February 2nd by 8:00PM.



Scan me!



CLA Peer Advisor Position Available!

We are seeking self-motivated, detail-oriented, and friendly Peer Advisors to help the CLA Advising Center make a difference and support student success! Peer advisors will help CLA students to understand general education and major requirements, and assist students with understanding their degree planning. For more information, please click the link [here](#).



Study Abroad in London Next Summer!

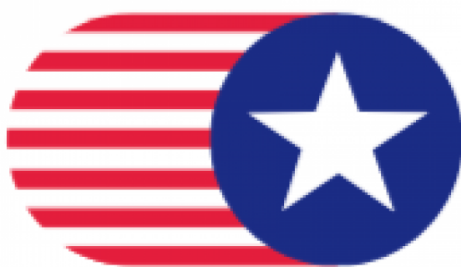
A note from Professor of Geography, Benjamin Timms:

We would like to invite you to join us in London next summer! This is a great opportunity to take upper division GE courses (prerequisites waived) and experience London and environs, which is one of the world's great cultural and economic centers. Here is a QR code to take you to the program website for more information:

<https://abroad.calpoly.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10889>

The six-week summer program offers students twelve Cal Poly units with three upper-division general education courses (B, C, D). Note that prerequisites will be waived for those that will be 2nd year status or don't meet the others.

Please view the website, contact the faculty members, and seriously consider coming to London next summer! Note the Olympics will be in Paris next summer, just a 2 hour train ride away.



UNITED STATES
**DIGITAL
CORPS**

Civic Tech Fellowship Opportunity - United States Digital Corps

The [US Digital Corps](#) is about to start their application process on Monday November 6th. The Digital Corps is a **two-year, full-time, paid fellowship** for early-career technologists to serve in the federal government. Fellows contribute their skills in **software engineering, data science & analytics, product management, design, and cybersecurity** to high impact priorities across government. The fellowship offers competitive pay (\$86k+ in Washington DC) and benefits, as well as opportunities for growth and a path to a long-term career position. The Digital Corps offers in-person, hybrid, or remote work, depending on the host agency.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the application process, they can visit the [USDC website](#). As mentioned above, applications open on Monday, November 6th. They do have a cap on applications per track, so it's recommended to apply sooner than later. Any questions about the process can also be sent to usdigitalcorps@gsa.gov

For any questions about civic technology or the application process, reach out to Jaxon Silva (<mailto:jaxonvsilva@gmail.com>)



Urban Trees VR position

The Center for Expressive Technologies Seed Grant Team is looking for a student assistant.

Undergraduate student wanted for an interdisciplinary research collaboration with the Urban Forest Ecosystem Institute (<https://ufe.calpoly.edu/>). UFEI researchers at Cal Poly are investigating the human benefits of trees in the urban environment. We seek a research assistant with an interest in Virtual Reality to create realistic fly-through experiences in urban environments across a range of socioeconomic and climate conditions in CA using 3D point cloud data from airborne Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR). Desired qualifications: working knowledge of Python, JavaScript, or 3D game programming in Unity or similar. Interest in VR, GIS, remote sensing and urban forestry are a plus, but not required. Applicants should include a cover letter and resume and email to Dr. G. Andrew Fricker (africker@calpoly.edu), and Dr. Jonathan Ventura (jventu09@calpoly.edu).



Big Brothers Big Sisters.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Videographer Needed

Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for a passionate and skilled individual to create a short film about the power of mentorship in our community. This film will be previewed at our annual BIG Event, a fundraiser held in May every year.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Potential for:

- Senior project/internship credit
- Real-world skills application
- Serving a local non-profit

Time frame: Fall & Winter Quarter

More information :  (805) 540-1926  caity@slobigs.org

Videographer Opportunity at Big Brothers Big Sisters

A note from Madi Walker:

My name is Madi Walker, and I am an AmeriCorps VIP Member at Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County, a local non-profit in the area! I am reaching out to you with an opportunity for students in ISLA and STS.

In May 2024, we are hosting our annual BIG Event, a fundraising event that raises critical funds and encourages people in the community to become a mentor to an at-risk child in the area. We are currently looking for a Cal Poly student to create a short 4-5 minute film with the guidance of

our Development Director. This film will highlight the stories of a few matches in SLO County as a way to show the power of mentorship and encourage more community engagement with our organization that we can share at the BIG Event.

OPPORTUNITIES

AUDITIONS!
CAL POLY SKETCH COMEDY

Come for the laughs, stay for the tax fraud!

Last auditions of the year!

**Tuesday
January 16
Bldg. 186
RM C100**

**Writers and
Production team**

thenightcap.
@thenightcapslo

Sketch Comedy Club Auditions TONIGHT!

Auditions for The Nightcap are TODAY, January 16th at 8:10PM in Construction Innovations C100! Our cast is split into two teams: writers and production. Our writers pitch ideas, write scripts, and act in our sketches. Our production team takes care of everything else: video production, video editing, graphic design, marketing, stage crew, and more. If you're interested in comedy, entertainment, theatre, or the arts, this opportunity is for you!

Check out our Instagram for more on how to prepare for auditions, and our Youtube for content from our previous shows, both at the link below! **Production members are required to submit an informal portfolio. Get prepared!

<https://linktr.ee/thenightcapslo>

A photograph of a young woman with dark hair in a braid, wearing a grey sweater, sitting at a desk and writing in a notebook with a pencil. The desk is cluttered with school supplies like pens, pencils, and a ruler. The background is softly blurred, showing a classroom setting.

SERVE LOCAL STUDENTS!

Come serve at San Luis Coastal Unified School District as an Americorps VIP Member to support AVID tutors in secondary education.

**Service Term:
January-June/February-July**

Apply Now!

 
AmeriCorps CAL POLY

Americorps Position - AVID Tutor

San Luis Coastal Unified School District is seeking an AmeriCorps member to support AVID tutors in the middle school and high school from January-June and February-July.

Student Professional Development Grant



Student Grant Opportunity

The Cal Poly Student Professional Development Fund awards up to \$2,500 in scholarship to eligible students to support career exploration, including conference and seminar travel, attending scholarly seminars or symposiums, participating in research initiatives with faculty, and many other extracurricular opportunities related to your major.

This fund aims to support applicants who demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid Office, in attending and participating in a variety of opportunities that could aid their career exploration.

Here is more information and the link to apply: <https://deanofstudents.calpoly.edu/student-professional-development-grant>

JOIN ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS CAL POLY!



JOIN US TO:

- design and implement **sustainable engineering projects**
- gain engineering, business, multidisciplinary and **leadership experience**
- become part of a community dedicated to **improving lives worldwide**

OUR CURRENT PROJECT TEAMS:



STAY CONNECTED!



SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAILS

STUDENTS OF ALL MAJORS AND YEARS ARE WELCOME & ESSENTIAL!

LEARN MORE AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:



FALL KICKOFF

Learn about EWB and our four project teams at our first meeting of the year.

Tuesday 9/26

6-9 PM In the ATL (Room 07-02)



CRASH COURSE

Dive into the EWB project process to prepare for project team meetings.

Mondays: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23

7-9 PM In the ATL (Room 07-02)

FOLLOW US: @EWBCALPOLY
LEARN MORE: WWW.EWB.CALPOLY.EDU
JOIN OUR SLACK: LINKTR.EE/EWBCALPOLY

Interested in Sustainable Global Development?

Engineers Without Borders, Cal Poly is a student-led non-profit organization that supports community-driven development programs worldwide through the design and implementation of sustainable engineering projects, while creating multidisciplinary and leadership experiences for students. With four international project teams in Fiji, Kenya, Nicaragua, and Local, we work to address issues such as water, education, food security, sanitation, and energy by collaborating with our partnered communities.

We are hoping to diversify the majors represented in our club in order to fill roles in business and cultural sub teams as well as to harness cross-disciplinary perspectives in designing holistic solutions that fit the needs of our communities.

Whether you're passionate about business development, cultural insights, leadership opportunities, or making a positive impact, EWB has a place for you.

Go to linktr.ee/ewbcalspoly to sign up for our mailing list, club Slack channel and all other links.

EMPOWER Cal Poly students TO THRIVE

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AmeriCorps

Gain invaluable career experience

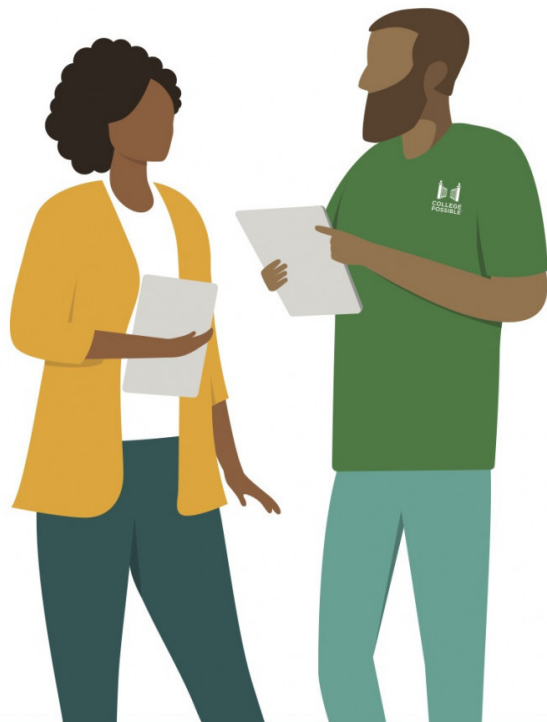
Change lives by giving back on campus

Gain sought-after skills and experience

Build your professional network

Accelerate your career

Get a living stipend of \$23,000; education award of \$6,895; medical, dental and vision coverage; student loan forbearance and interest accrual; and help applying for childcare and SNAP benefits.



Learn more or apply at
CollegePossible.org/Serve



CAL POLY

Serve with College Possible and Empower College Opportunity for all!

As a College Possible AmeriCorps coach, you'll help talented, driven students from under-represented backgrounds achieve their goal of a college degree.

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Learn more at: <https://www.americorps.collegepossible.org/>

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STUDENT SUPPORT



Keep up to date with campus news!

Interdisciplinary Studies Students and Staff! Are you eager to be in the know about the latest campus news and updates? Do you want the most up-to-date headlines conveniently sent to your email? Look no further! Subscribe to the Mustang News Roundup today! Our Roundup newsletter brings you the freshest Mustang News and KCPR content, and is delivered straight to your inbox every Monday through Friday of the school year. Don't let this opportunity to stay well-informed pass you by!

Subscribe here: <https://mustangnews.net/the-roundup/>



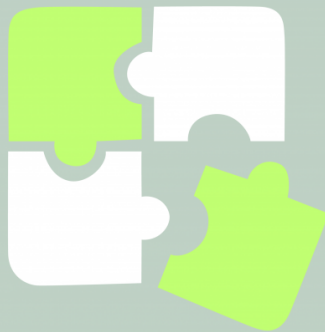
Cal Poly Student Startup: Ryde Carpool

Ryde is a service for Cal Poly students that helps you travel more affordably and comfortably! If you're driving home, Ryde can connect you with other Cal Poly students that will split your cost of gas. If you're looking for a way home, Ryde can connect you with/to students driving your way.

Want to learn more about us?

- [About Us](#)
- [Cal Poly CIE – Summer Accelerator Spotlight](#)
- [Cal Poly CIE – Demo Day Pitch](#)
- [Mustang New – Ryde](#)
- [Cal Poly Corporation Highlight](#)

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SLO Solutions

SLO Solutions Conflict Resolution

Are your students having a hard time focusing on schoolwork due to roommates or neighbors disagreeing about issues around noise, dishes, or house rules?

Students can find themselves overwhelmed by conflict with landlords, roommates, and neighbors!

We can help! SLO Solutions may be able to help students and residents with access to FREE conflict resolution and mediation, funded by a partnership between the City of San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly, Cuesta College, and Creative Mediation. For more information, click [here](#).



**SAVE MONEY.
EAT FRESH.**

APPLY NOW TO RECEIVE FREE
MONEY FOR GROCERIES!



Financial Aid for Food: Get up to \$250/month for groceries

The CalFresh Outreach Team can help connect you with up to \$250 a month to buy groceries at your favorite stores and many farmers' markets! Get money to buy food, eat better, work less and focus more on school. It's easy to set up an appointment with a CalFresh Student Advocate to determine your eligibility, walk you through the application and answer any questions you may have.

Visit calfreshcalpoly.org/ to schedule an appointment today! **Hours are: M-W 10am to 7pm and TH 10:00am to 5pm.**

Although you can [apply online here](#) on your own, we encourage you to apply with the help of the CalFresh Outreach Team to help with any questions or concerns.

Follow the CalFresh team on Instagram [@calfreshcalpoly](#)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- * Do you know of any campus events relevant to ISLA?
- * Do you have any cool research or projects you want to share with your peers?
- * Or anything else relevant to the ISLA department.

SHARE IT WITH US!

EMAIL US AT IS@CALPOLY.EDU

Corona Virus Updates:
The safety, health, and wellbeing of all campus community members and visitors is a primary commitment for Cal Poly. For the latest updates and information regarding coronavirus and our campus preparedness, please visit <https://chw.calpoly.edu/coronavirus>.

The Basic Needs Task Force: Cal Poly wants every student to have access to food and housing in order to focus on their education. There are many resources to help students meet their basic needs. To learn about the food pantry, meal vouchers, emergency grants and more [visit here](#).

To learn more about other Resources, like Health & Counseling or Disability, you can visit the [Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#).



Check out our Instagram!

Follow us on LinkedIn!

If you have any further questions:

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IS@calpoly.edu

805-756-2740

Dr. Kirby's Office Hours:

2-4 PM Wednesdays and by appointment

dakirby@calpoly.edu

