

# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY

WEEKLY NEWS

## CFA

### California Faculty Association

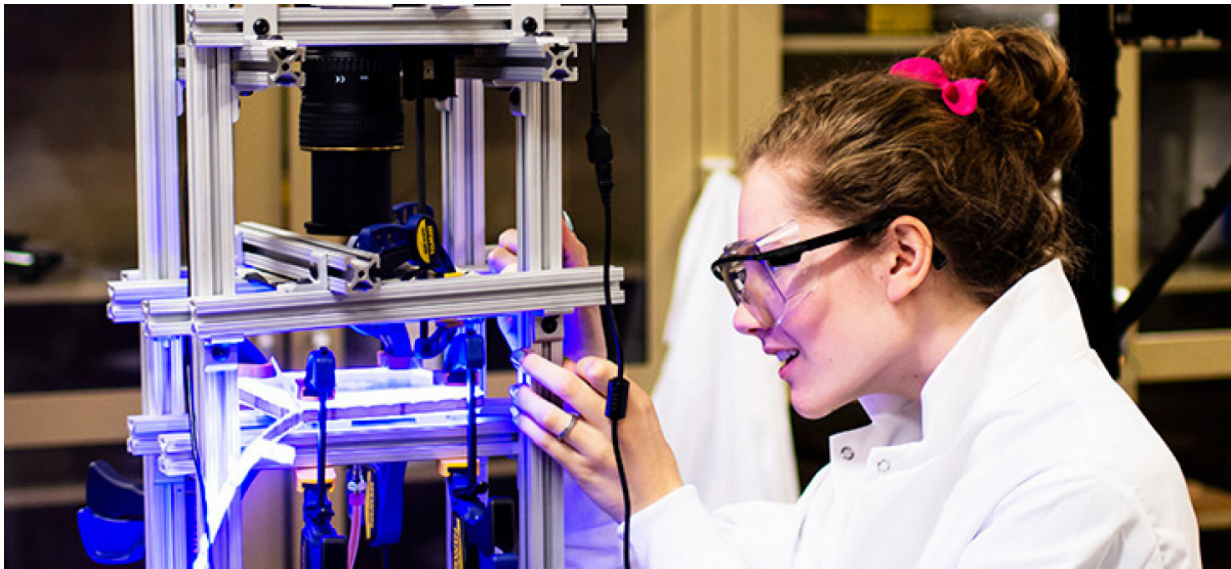
## Agreement Reached

#### **Note from Dr. Kirby**

As you know by now the union and management have agreed upon a tentative deal that ended the strike action after one day. This is good news for everyone especially as it means that we can get back to teaching and learning. Thanks to all the students who came out on Monday in support of striking professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors, and coaches. One thing this means is that I will be holding regular office hours this week for IS majors and STS minors. I am looking forward to a smooth running rest of the quarter.

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](https://us02zoom.us/j/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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://tinyurl.com/4vy5xzca)

Questions? Email: [acabezas@calpoly.edu](mailto: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

### **First Ever State of Mixedness Panel!**

Join the MCC inaugural State of Mixedness. This is a panel event where we will hear from students and their experiences on campus as mixed folx. There will also be round table discussions led by faculty and staff providing resources and connections for mixed folx on campus. Hope to see you there!

## INTERNSHIPS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### **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](mailto:nrodri83@calpoly.edu) or 756-2186).

## **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.

## **Click here for more info on Gravity Water positions**

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## **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](#).

## **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 ([afriker@calpoly.edu](mailto:afriker@calpoly.edu)), and Dr. Jonathan Ventura ([jventu09@calpoly.edu](mailto:jventu09@calpoly.edu)).

## 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

## 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.



# MIT Technology & Policy Program

## MIT Technology and Policy Program Applications

MIT Technology and Policy invites you to apply for their Master's Program.

TPP is an interdisciplinary, research-focused two-year Master of Science program that prepares and educates leaders to address important technological issues confronting society. Students in the program conduct research and write a thesis that puts a technical problem in a policy context. They take courses that cover key concepts in technology and policy, as well as economics and quantitative methods. Students are typically fully funded (see <https://oge.mit.edu/graduate-admissions/costs-funding/stipend-rates/>) through research assistantships that cover tuition and a living stipend.

We seek students who are interested in combining mastery of a specific technological domain (energy, environment, computation, transportation, aerospace, etc.) with relevant social sciences and policy analysis (economics, political science, management, law, etc.). Successful applicants have both the technical background to complete work at the level expected for a master's in a scientific or technical field (usually, but not exclusively, STEM undergraduates), and also the ability to think critically and deeply about the societal and policy relevance of their technical work. Practical experience such as internships or work experience is also encouraged. We strive to recruit a diverse class of students to the program, and students come to TPP from all around the world.

I'm including some text that you could use to forward along, as well as a one-pager (<https://tpp.mit.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/TPP-OneSheet.pdf>) that describes our program. Students who apply to the MIT PhD program in Social and Engineering Systems in IDSS ([https://idss.mit.edu/academics/ses\\_doc/](https://idss.mit.edu/academics/ses_doc/)) can also be considered for TPP using a single application.

## 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](mailto:usdigitalcorps@gsa.gov)

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



# 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.

[Learn more here!](#)

## 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)

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JOIN OUR SLACK: [LINKTR.EE/EWBCALPOLY](https://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/ewbcalpoly](https://linktr.ee/ewbcalpoly) to sign up for our mailing list, club Slack channel and all other links.

## STUDENT SUPPORT



### MUSTANG NEWS CAL POLY'S NEWS SOURCE

#### 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

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 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.

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**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/](http://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](#)

**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](#).



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