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Major Goals: Host a UC wide chemistry conference for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Accomplishments: Key Achievements

- Approximately 120 graduate students and post-doctoral scholars presented on cutting edge research from across the UC system.
- Nine campuses of the University of California system were represented.
- The only conference organized, run, and attended by graduate student/post-doctoral scholars alone across all UC campuses in any discipline area.

Training Opportunities: Conference Presentations

This work is the hosting of a major research conference; hosting 40 poster presentations, 20 short oral presentations, and approximately sixty long oral presentations. All presentations were made by graduate students and post-doctoral scholars in the University of California system.

Results Dissemination: Nothing to Report

Honors and Awards: Nothing to Report

Protocol Activity Status:

Technology Transfer: Nothing to Report

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University of California Chemical Symposium

Principal Investigator: Dr. Seth Cohen

Project Title: University of California Chemical Symposium

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Publications

Not applicable (see attached prospectus).

Patents

Not applicable.

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Planned Future Work

Following feedback collection and analysis from attendees, the new organizing committee for the 2019 UCCS has been formed and planning is well underway. The Executive Organizing Committee will meet monthly and the subcommittees weekly, or between team members as need, to ensure progress on major action items. The 2019 program will be extended by one day and is aiming for a 25% increase in attendance for a target of 150 attendees to include all ten UC campuses. Plenary speaker selection has been completed and current efforts are focused on securing invited speakers to participate in the developmental program, which primarily focuses on personal and professional development beyond the lab. This part of the program will be built to span the spectrum of academic and alternative career paths as well as skills for managing research, mental health, and effective presentations. A comprehensive sponsorship package will be prepared with options for commercial and non-profit enterprises to provide financial and logistical support for the symposium and potential sponsors will be approached. The website will be updated to reflect additions to the program and a social media and digital marketing campaign will be developed in order to spread the word well in advance of the event and leading up to it. In order to ensure faculty support for student attendance from all campuses, faculty will be contacted directly about the meeting by the organizing to share the message and invite them to share the information with their students and colleagues. The registration fee for the meeting will be determined based on fundraising and the preliminary program will be established and publicized prior to opening the call for abstract submission, which marks the beginning of the next phase in planning.