



Biosphere

The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in CR 5125)

Dr. Paul Wilson
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“Floristics of Mosses in California”

BiotechCP invites applicants to get certified in biotechnology

The Post-bac Certificate Program in Biotechnology at Cal State University, Los Angeles is a recently revamped one-year program for students who are interested in careers in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries (visit the [program's website](#), for more information). This program is supported by a grant from Department of Education (Title V-B) and provides scholarship support for eligible students (US citizens or permanent residents). Graduating seniors and recent graduates are welcome to apply for Fall 2017 **before May 31, 2017**.

BIO 2017 I-Corps workshop on Diversity

CSUPERB will offer an intensive 3-days I-Corps workshop focused on increasing opportunities for diverse students, postdocs, and early career faculty in life sciences entrepreneurship. In addition to travel compensation and lodging, participants will receive registration to the international BIO 2017 workshop in San Diego, a unique opportunity to network with professionals in this industry. Undergraduates and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and assistant professors are welcome to apply **before May 1, 2017**. Visit the [Bio 2017 I-Corps website](#) for more information.

Let inspiration into the MOOC

Dr. Steve Oppenheimer recently published an online letter in the prestigious journal *Science*, inviting us all to bear in mind the power of “*brilliant and inspiring presentations by individual professors*” when trying to provide a top-quality education through any and all alternative designs, including Massive Open Online Courses (or MOOCs).

A new Biology Research Award

An anonymous donor has generously established a scholarship called the Outstanding Student-Faculty Research Collaboration Award, which provides \$15,000/per year to one *tenured* faculty member and one *biology* student to collaborate on a research project. The application deadline is **March 15**. Follow [this link](#) for information on eligibility and application instructions.