

# SIGMA XI Member Newsletter



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## Call for Presenters and Judges: 2014 Student Research Showcase

Mark your calendar for our [Student Research Showcase](#)! This virtual conference, held March 17-23, 2014, is an opportunity for outstanding high school, undergraduate, and graduate students to present their research. Since it takes place online, students skip the time commitment and expense of travel. Presentations will be evaluated by leading career scientists from around the world. Awards will be given to the top-rated presentations.



The registration deadline is March 10. Learn more on our [website](#).

*Photo: Eddie Lee won the graduate division of last year's Student Research Showcase with his presentation, "[Statistical Mechanics of SCOTUS](#)."*

## Grants-in-Aid of Research Application Deadline: March 15

The Sigma Xi [Grants-in-Aid of Research program](#) has been providing undergraduate and graduate students with valuable educational experiences for more than 90 years. By encouraging close working relationships between students and faculty, the program promotes scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning.

The program awards grants of up to \$1,000 to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. Designated funds from the National Academy of Sciences allow for grants of up to \$5,000 for astronomy research and \$2,500 for vision related research. Students use the funding to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site, or for purchase of non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project.



The next deadline for Grants-in-Aid of Research is March 15.

[Click here for the application.](#)

## Dates to Remember

March 10, 2014:  
Registration deadline for the [Student Research Showcase](#)



## Thank You!

We welcome any comments or concerns you may have as a member. For staff assistance, or to share your ideas, please e-mail us at [memberinfo@sigmaxi.org](mailto:memberinfo@sigmaxi.org).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Call for Nominations: 2014 Sigma Xi Monie A. Ferst Award

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society invites nominations for the prestigious [Monie A. Ferst Award](#), which honors researchers in science and engineering who have made notable contributions to the motivation and encouragement of research through education. Sponsored by the Georgia Tech Chapter of Sigma Xi, this national award consists of a medal and \$10,000.



In addition, a day-long symposium is held in the fall semester each year at Georgia Tech to highlight the achievements of the winner's former students, post-docs, and other significant mentees. Travel, lodging, and meal expenses of the winner and symposium presenters are also covered as part of the award.

More information about the award, submission of nominations, and past winners can be found [here](#).

Nomination packages should be submitted electronically to Rick Neu at [rick.neu@gatech.edu](mailto:rick.neu@gatech.edu) by April 1, 2014.

*Photo: Rodney J. Clifton, a professor of engineering at Brown University, was last year's recipient of the Monie A. Ferst Award.*

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## New Member Benefits

Sigma Xi has partnered with prestigious providers to bring you *and* your loved ones savings you won't find anywhere else. These exclusive discounts have special member pricing for both your professional and personal uses. And it's all because you're a Sigma Xi member. Now, you can plan an affordable vacation, save on office supplies, insurance, cellphones, earn cash back while shopping online, and much more!

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### Benefit of the Month: Office Depot

We have teamed up with Office Depot to bring you a FREE national discount program. Office Depot provides free next-day delivery for orders over \$50 (excluding furniture) and an additional 15% off first-time online orders.



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## Graduate Student Opportunity: Blue Waters Fellowship Program

Applications will be accepted until 9 p.m. EST on February 3 for the Blue Waters Graduate Fellowship Program, an opportunity supported by the National Science Foundation. The program enables select graduate



Foundation. The program enables select graduate students from across the U.S. to spend a year focused on high-performance computing research.

It includes a \$38,000 stipend, a tuition allowance up to \$12,000 and an allocation on the powerful Blue Waters petascale computing system at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.

For more information, click [here](#).



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### Web Managing Editor Joins Sigma Xi

We recently hired our new web managing editor, Katie-Leigh Lubinsky, who will oversee web content management systems, including web content for *American Scientist*, and respond to online inquiries. She will also assist in creating multimedia content. Welcome, Katie!



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