

# SIGMA XI Member Newsletter



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## Introducing the New Sigma Xi Visa® Card

Sigma Xi and UMB CardPartner have joined forces to launch the [Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card](#).

For the life of the card program, Sigma Xi will receive a portion of every dollar that each cardholder charges. The Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card offers qualified cardholders exceptional benefits including competitive rates and terms—with no annual fee!



"Using The Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card for everyday purchases is an easy way for members to sustain Sigma Xi's multitude of programs that support the health of the research enterprise, ethics, and promote the public understanding of science," said Jasmine Shah, director of budget and finance/office support and administration at Sigma Xi.

Find out more about The Sigma Xi Visa® Platinum Rewards card and apply online by visiting [www.cardpartner.com/pro/app/sigma-xi](http://www.cardpartner.com/pro/app/sigma-xi).

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

Mark your calendar for Sigma Xi's 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 without the time commitment or 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 of Princeton University won the graduate division of last year's Student Research Showcase with his presentation, ["Statistical Mechanics of SCOTUS."](#)



## Dates to Remember

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

March 15, 2014:  
Application deadline for [Grants-in-Aid of Research](#)



## Contact Us

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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## Sigma Xi Partners with T-Mobile

Sigma Xi has partnered with T-Mobile to offer members discounts on wireless voice, messaging, and data services. With the T-Mobile Advantage Program, an incredible wireless deal gets even better.



Benefits of the T-Mobile Program include:

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[Log in to our website](#) with your name and member number to learn more about your T-Mobile discounts.

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## 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 application deadline for Grants-in-Aid of Research is March 15. The following round's deadline is October 15.

[Click here for the application.](#)

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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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## Moore Foundation Starts Data-Driven Discovery Investigator Competition

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has announced an open call for applications for its new [Data-Driven Discovery Investigator Competition](#).

The foundation's Science program expects to make about 15 awards this year to selected investigators at approximately \$1.5 million each over five years. The program is looking for individuals who are pushing the frontiers of a new kind of data-driven science, inherently multidisciplinary, combining natural sciences with methods from statistics and computer science.

Pre-applications are due February 24 by 5 p.m. Pacific Time. For more information, click [here](#).

Gordon Moore was elected to Sigma Xi in 1953 by the California Institute of Technology Chapter.

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## Donate to Support Sigma Xi

Your contributions help us be the independent voice promoting excellence in science and engineering research.

We have many ways for you to donate to Sigma Xi—mailing us a check, calling our offices, and logging on to our website. Now, we are delighted to offer one more option. You can donate directly through text message! Click on the button above or text "sigmaxi" to 501501 to donate \$10 to Sigma Xi.



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## Join Our Social Media Network

Sigma Xi is moving forward with a new social media strategy that will include online communities. These communities will launch with our new website later this year.

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