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SSRIC Announces Special Awards for Student Conference

The CSU Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) will hold its annual Student Research Conference at Cal State Fullerton on Friday, May 8. The event has been held each year since 1976.

**A special one-time-only feature of this year’s Conference will be the awarding of $5,000 for the best paper presented in each of three categories: undergraduate, graduate, and quantitative, for a total of $15,000. Other papers presented will receive awards of up to $100 each.**

These “Faculty Memorial Awards” are named as such because, in the words of Dr. Gene Geisler, one of the SSRIC’s key founders, whose generous donation provided the funding for the awards, “by honoring student achievement we heap laurels on their mentors.”

Founded in 1972, the SSRIC is the CSU’s oldest “affinity group,” bringing together representatives from the various campuses in the system. Originally formed to oversee the use of social science data bases to which the CSU subscribes, the Council works to:

* provide a forum for sharing information about social science data and computer products;
* initiate and conduct training programs;
* recommend computerized social science projects in the CSU curriculum;
* encourage the collection and distribution of social science data and computer-related instructional and research materials; and
* advise CSU administrators on policies related to providing quantitative social science data for research and instruction.

For more information about this year’s Conference, see <http://www.ssric.org/participate/src>.