

## ***Press Release***

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### **JSA Awards Over \$400K for FY15 Initiatives Fund Program**

**Washington, DC** – Jefferson Sciences Associates (JSA) announced the award of \$401,020 to support projects related to education, outreach and career development to staff and users at the U.S. Department of Energy's Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab).

Since 2006, JSA, which operates and manages Jefferson Lab for the Department of Energy, has provided \$4.25 million to support over 200 projects under its JSA Initiatives Fund Program. The Initiatives Fund supports programs, initiatives and activities that further the scientific outreach, and promote the science, education and technology missions of Jefferson Lab in ways that complement its basic and applied research focus. Program funds also support activities of the Lab's extended users community.

The program is managed and administered by SURA, a consortium of more than 60 leading universities, for the JSA Programs Committee. SURA and PAE Applied Technologies jointly own JSA.

“The JSA Initiatives Fund Program has enabled many diverse projects that have added value to the Lab's programs and have helped to further cultivate the scientific endeavors of the user community,” said Hugh Montgomery, JSA President and Jefferson Lab Director.

The FY15 Initiatives Fund Program includes new awards for 31 projects. Half of the award funds support the education and outreach programs at the Jefferson Lab. The remaining awards support post doc career development, other Lab programs, Jefferson Lab users initiatives and activities, and several topical science meetings. Awards were made for:

- Director's Discretionary Fund, \$100,000
- JSA Graduate Fellowship Program, \$98,000
- JLab Science Activities for Teachers (JSAT), \$35,000
- Junior Scientist Travel Support, \$20,000
- JSA Sabbatical/Research Leave Support, \$18,000
- Users Group Annual Meeting, \$11,070
- Nathan Isgur Senior Post Doc Research Grant, \$10,000
- Users Group JSA Postdoctoral Prize, \$10,000
- JSA Cooperative Education Program, \$10,000
- Nuclear Physics Hill Day and other Congressional Visits, \$10,000
- JSA Minority/Female Undergraduate Research Assistantship, \$9,000
- Users Group Satellite Meetings at APS and DNP Conferences, \$6,000
- Undergraduate Student Support in Theoretical Physics, \$5,000
- International Conference on Quarks and Nuclear Physics (QNP2015), \$5,000
- Light Cone 2015 (LC2015): Theory and Experiment for Hadrons on the Light Front, \$5,000
- Nucleon Resonances: from Photoproduction to High Photon Virtualities, \$5,000



Users Group Thesis Prize and Poster Prizes, \$4,850  
Graduate Student and PostDoc Association Activities, \$4,700  
Promising Young Scientist Program, \$3,900  
Accelerator Physics Education Outreach with Mexican Universities, \$3,400  
Users Group Board Business Travel, \$3,000  
Extra Child Care (ExCARE) Travel Fund, \$3,000  
JLab Student Tour Guide Program, \$3,000  
JLab Science Colloquia Series, \$3,000  
International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC15), \$2,500  
COOL 15 Workshop Support, \$2,500  
APS Topical Group on Hadronic Physics Workshop, \$2,500  
Final State Nucleons for Neutrino-Nucleus Interactions Workshop, \$2,400  
HUGS International Fellowship for Graduate Students in Developing Countries, \$2,200  
Undergraduate Support in Accelerator Sciences, \$2,000  
FIRST Robotics Team Sponsorship, \$1,000

The 2015 evaluation committee was chaired by Elizabeth Beise from the University of Maryland. Other committee members included: JSA Programs Committee members David Armstrong from the College of William & Mary, Gerard Gilfoyle from the University of Richmond, Sebastian Kuhn from Old Dominion University, and Daniel Sober from The Catholic University of America; Robert McKeown representing Jefferson Lab; and, Elizabeth Lawson, Initiatives Fund program manager.

“An important feature of the Initiatives Fund Program is the matching and contributing funds that have been committed with the awards. This year’s match of over \$440K from other source funding enables us to stretch Initiatives Fund dollars to support more proposals,” said Beise, who also commended the JSA owners for their continued support of the program.

SURA President & CEO Jerry Draayer and PAE Applied Technologies President Paul Branske noted that the investment in the Initiatives Fund Program allows Jefferson Lab and its users to engage more effectively in many educational, scientific, technical, and outreach activities that contribute to the Lab’s overall ability to accomplish its mission.

Jefferson Lab, located in Newport News, VA, is a world-leading nuclear physics research facility. More than 1,300 scientists from around the world use the lab’s unique particle accelerator to conduct experiments to expand our understanding of the visible universe.

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*About the **JSA Initiatives Fund**. JSA established the JSA Initiatives Fund to support programs, initiatives, and activities that further the scientific outreach, and promote the science, education and technology missions of Jefferson Lab in ways that complement its basic and applied research focus. Initiatives Fund awards are for those projects that benefit the Lab user community and that leverage commitments of others. The annual commitment is administered by SURA for the JSA Programs Committee. For more information, visit <http://www.jsallc.org/index.html>.*

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