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To: Chancellors, Vice Chancellors for Research, Deans of Graduate Studies, and
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From: Richard L. Kravitz, MD, MSPH
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Subj: STEM Solutions in Public Policy Award

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I am writing to request your help in bringing this exciting new program to the attention of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) graduate students on your campus.

UC Center Sacramento is pleased to announce the **STEM Solutions in Public Policy Award**.

This award will recognize one or more outstanding proposals for new California legislation from **UC STEM graduate students**. The winner(s) will receive a \$750 research stipend and – should their bill advance through the legislative process – will travel to Sacramento to convene with Legislators and/or legislative staff (expenses covered by UCCS).

Submissions will be accepted until midnight Pacific time on December 14, 2018. Further information is available in the attached packet and on the UCCS website (uccs.ucdavis.edu).

Thank you in advance for helping to promote this important opportunity for UC graduate students to influence state policy. Due to the short time frame for preparation of proposals, I would appreciate your assistance in disseminating this announcement at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: STEM Policy Program Call
STEM Policy Program Application



STEM Solutions in Public Policy Award Competition

Attention UC Graduate Students in STEM Fields
Have you ever thought, “There ought to be a law...”?

UC Center Sacramento announces the inaugural 2019 **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Solutions in Public Policy Award Competition**. The award will recognize one or more outstanding proposals for new **California state legislation** from University of California Graduate Students in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics). The winner will receive a \$750 research stipend and – should their idea advance through the legislative process – confer with legislators and/or legislative staff in Sacramento and potentially testify before legislative committees.

Submissions will be accepted through **Friday December 14, 2018** and should include the following elements:

- An abstract of the proposed law, its purpose, and the underlying science or impact on scientific research (<=250 words);
- “There Ought to Be a Law” application form (see uccs.ucdavis.edu/public-policy/stem-solutions)
- Current CV

Completed applications should be sent to stemsolutions@ucdavis.edu.

Questions regarding the competition can be addressed to Cindy Simmons, UCCS Associate Director, at csimmons@ucdavis.edu.

Competition winners will be selected based primarily on the clarity, feasibility, and originality of their proposal. Please note that if a state legislator decides to author a bill based on your proposal, the legislator will retain ownership of the idea for the duration of the legislative cycle.

UCCS STEM SOLUTIONS IN PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM

“There Ought to Be a Law” Application Form

Download Fillable Version at uccs.ucdavis.edu

Name: _____

Discipline/Field of Study: _____

Campus: _____

Please address each of the following questions, using at least 11 point font, in the space provided.

1. WHAT’S THE PROBLEM THAT NEEDS A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION?

2. WHAT’S YOUR SOLUTION? Please include proposed language, if any. Be as detailed as possible within the available space. (You may continue on the next page.)

QUESTION 2, continued

3. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Please summarize any studies, reports, newspaper articles, personal experience, or anecdotal evidence relating to your proposal; please attach supporting documents. If possible, emphasize knowledge generated through work conducted in your own laboratory or research group.

QUESTION 3, continued

4. HAS THERE BEEN SIMILAR LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA OR OTHER STATES? Please indicate the approach you took to address this question, and if similar bills are identified (see Frequently Asked Questions at uccs.ucdavis.edu), please include the author, bill number, and outcome of the legislation. (**Please limit to 100 words** plus supporting table if needed)

5. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACTS (i.e., costs, savings, or revenue) YOU ANTICIPATE MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL. (**Please limit to 100 words** plus supporting table if needed)

6. WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD SUPPORT THE BILL? (100 words plus supporting table if needed)

7. WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD OPPOSE THE BILL? (100 words plus supporting table if needed)