September 2013 Newsletter Society For Biomaterials at UCLA



October 3rd at 6PM in Engineering V 5101

SFB Monthly Meeting

Panel of Graduate Students from BE, Civil Eng, and EE

What I Wish I Knew in Graduate School

Society For Biomaterials The first meeting for the school year will be a panel of senior graduate students who will be sharing their experiences and offering advice on how to navigate your entire graduate career. Graduate students from all years are encouraged to attend because the panel will address topics concerning the start of grad school all the way to the end of grad school.

Important Notices

Abstract Submission Now Open for SFB Meeting

Due Date: November 6th, 2013

Meeting Date: April 16th – 19th, 2014

Denver, Colorado

Any full time student should apply for the Student Travel Achievement Recognitions (STAR) award. Awardees will receive a certificate and monetary award of \$250. Apply by checking the STAR Award application box during the abstract submission. The website will open shortly for abstract submission.

<u>Undergraduates</u>: If you are a Junior or Senior who does biomaterials research, apply for the C. William Hall Scholarship. Application packet due **December 1**st, **2013**. Awardees receive all expenses paid trip to the Annual SFB Meeting in Denver (includes airfare, hotel, registration and meals).

Members whose abstracts are accepted will have an opportunity to practice their oral or poster presentations with the student chapter during the April monthly meeting.

Happenings & Opportunities

Want to get involved?

Two (2) committees have recently been formed to support the goals of SFB.

The Educational Outreach Committee's focus is the development of a hands-on, experimental module for demonstrating biomaterials concepts to middle school students. Last year's module can be seen on the group's website (seas.ucla.edu/sfb).

The Programing Board's focus is the planning of monthly and special events, including speaker recruitment, professional development events and social events.

Email the officers (<u>uclasfb@gmail.com</u>) for more information or speak to an officer at the first meeting.

2012-2013 in Review

Last year UCLA SFB celebrated its inaugural year with 12 seminar speakers from various labs around campus, including graduate students and post docs from Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry and Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology. Additionally, Dr. Lynn Jones, Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins University and past SFB President, gave a presentation titled, *Careers in the Biomedical Field*. Finally, we designed and implemented an educational module for middle school students at a local school.