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### **JSA Awards \$420K for FY14 Initiatives Fund Program**

**Washington, DC** – Jefferson Sciences Associates (JSA) announced the award of \$420,000 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 over \$3.8 million to support almost 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 the Southeastern Universities Research Association (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 FY14 Initiatives Fund Program includes new awards for 27 projects. More than 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 Funds, \$100,000
- JSA/JLab Graduate Fellowship Program, \$98,000
- JLab Science Activities for Teachers (JSAT), \$35,000
- Economic Impact Study Update, \$33,000
- JSA Sabbatical/Research Leave Support, \$18,000
- Junior Scientist Travel Support, \$18,000
- JSA Outstanding Nuclear Physicist, \$12,000
- Users Group Awards: JSA Post Doc Research Grant, \$11,000
- Users Group Annual Meeting Support, \$10,670
- Nathan Isgur Senior Post Doc Research Grant, \$10,000



JSA Cooperative Education Program, \$10,000  
JSA Minority/Female Undergraduate Research Assistantship, \$9,000  
Users Group Satellite Meetings at APS and DNP Conferences, \$6,000  
Gordon Research Conference on Photonuclear Reactions, \$5,000  
Undergraduate Student Support in Theoretical Physics, \$5,000  
Ecological Society Annual Meeting: Visualization with Short-Lived Isotopes... Workshop, \$5,000  
Graduate Student and Post Doc Association Activities, \$4,700  
Undergraduate Support in Accelerator Sciences, \$4,300  
Promising Young Scientist Program, \$4,260  
Users Group Awards: Thesis and Posters Prizes, \$4,250  
Accelerator Physics Education Outreach with Mexican Universities, \$4,000  
APS Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Beam Physics Award, \$3,000  
Users Group Board Business Travel, \$2,800  
Extra Child Care (ExCARE) Travel Support, \$2,000  
Hadronic Probes of Fundamental Symmetries Workshop, \$2,000  
Tensor Spin Observables Workshop, \$2,000  
FIRST Lego League Robotics Team, \$1,000

The 2014 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, Zisis Papandreou from the University of Regina, and Daniel Sober from The Catholic University of America; Zein-Eddine Meziani representing the Users Group; Robert McKeown representing Jefferson Lab; and, Elizabeth Lawson, Initiatives Fund program manager.

“One of the important features of the Initiatives Fund Program is that its funds are often matched with other source funding. This year, almost \$400,000 in matching and contributing funds have been committed with the new awards, making it possible 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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