



SIGMA PI SIGMA

The physics honor society

Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award Proposal

Project Proposal Title	ACU-MU Sigma Pi Sigma Induction
Name of School	Abilene Christian University
Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Number	Abilene Christian University-ZONE13-SPSChapter0006
Total Amount Requested	\$500.00

Abstract

Abilene Christian University and McMurry University are hosting an induction ceremony for new members of the Sigma Pi Sigma honors society. Alumni, inductees, and SPS members will join to hear from a distinguished speaker and enjoy dinner together. This unique networking opportunity will engage students and alumni from multiple Universities and physics disciplines.

Proposal Statement

Overview of Proposed Project

In partnership with the Society of Physics Students chapter at McMurry University we will host a dinner celebrating new inductees to the Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor society.

Invitees will include SPS members on either campus, SPS alumni from the local area, and physics faculty from both schools

An accomplished speaker from outside the local area will be invited to speak to the students, faculty, and alumni invited to the dinner.

Inductees from Abilene Christian and McMurry will be named and inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma.

How Proposed Project Meets the Purpose of the Award

This event will meet many of the goals for SPS. By inviting current students, faculty, and alumni from different schools in the area, we are facilitating networking and exposure to the many sub-disciplines in Physics. The distinguished speaker will add to the gravitas of the induction ceremony and ensure that it is a memorable experience for those who receive the honor of admittance to the rolls of Sigma Pi Sigma.

By hosting this in partnership with McMurry, we will open the possibility of additional inter-chapter activities, which would further advance many of the goals of SPS and Sigma Pi Sigma.

Plan for Carrying Out Proposed Project

- Organization will be done by the officers of the ACU and McMurry chapters of SPS, especially the presidents, Roy Salinas and David Winski.
- Roy will work with ACU Physics faculty to identify and contact a distinguished speaker for the event.
- All members of both SPS chapters will be invited, as well as a selection of faculty from both schools.
- David and Roy will work together to identify and invite a number of alumni from the local area who would mutually benefit from the event and the high-accomplishing students they could meet.
- Expected attendance is approx. 30 people from ACU and 20 from McMurry. This includes about 5 probable inductees from each school and 10-15 faculty/SPS members each, leaving room for 10-15 alumni from either school.

Project Timeline

Mid April – Dinner and Induction

Early/Mid March – Venue booked

February – Guest Finalized

January – Date for induction ceremony set and communicated with McMurry

Project Evaluation Plan

The key marker of success in this event will be the number of attendees. Keeping records of who attended, and contact information, especially for the alumni, will be critical to allow follow-up contact.

Budget Justification

This event will be funded jointly by the ACU and McMurry SPS chapters. The only two expense items will be the restaurant/food, and expenses for the visiting speaker. In order to persuade a distinguished speaker to visit Abilene, which is a fair distance from any other major physics research hubs, we will offer to pay for travel and lodging. The speaker will not receive financial compensation for their participation, but we would like to offset any financial expenditures they take on to come to this event.

In addition, in order to make this event attractive to students, faculty, and alumni alike we would like to pay for their meals. We are assuming a rate of \$10 per person, with an estimated 30 attendees. Any difference would be paid out of the local chapters' budgets.