

JSA Initiatives Fund Proposal Summary Sheet

Proposal title:		Support of JSA / Users Group Prizes	
<input type="checkbox"/> New proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Total funds requested	\$15,300.00
		Leveraged support / Matching resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If your proposal includes leveraged support or anticipates matching resources, identify source, amount, and secure the signature of an authorized representative of the source. <i>Leveraged support is ~40 people-days work largely from the UGBoD evaluating prize candidates.</i>			
Source/Amt	Award amount: \$11,000, JSA PostDoc Research Grant		
Source/Amt	Award amount: \$4,300, Thesis and Poster Prizes		
Source/Amt	Authorized Signature:		

Principal Investigator (PI)		<u>Zein-Eddine Meziani, chair, Jefferson Lab Users Group Board of Directors</u>	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Name of institution		
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Co-PI's (with affiliation)			

Executive summary including the projected begin/end dates. The Users Group Board of Directors requests funds to support the student and postdoc prizes that have been awarded for the past several years, supported by the Fund, and previously SURA. The money requested will support the thesis and poster prizes to be awarded at the planned June 2009 Users Group Meeting, and the JSA Postdoctoral Prize to be judged in fall 2010 and awarded by January 2011.
Synopsis of scientific, educational, technical, and/or business merits, and alignment with and significance to Lab's current programs. The thesis, poster and Postdoctoral Prizes provide our students with an additional motivation to excel, a motivation to learn how to do outreach well, and support to help them succeed professionally. They provide the User Group and the laboratory with a mechanism to recognize, reward, and honor our finest students, and thus clearly support the laboratories scientific mission
Proposed evaluation plan to measure success. If this is a request for renewal of funds, assessment of prior year performance. The user group will track the career success of our prize winners; their continued successes as they move from being students ultimately into permanent positions indicates that the prizes are having the desired effect. We will also continue to monitor and evaluate the response of annual meeting attendees to the poster session.

Authorized signature for proposal from:	
JLab employee	Lab Director signature _____
JLab user	JLab Users Group Board Chair _____
Other	Institutional authorization _____

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Attachment A Technical Proposal – no more than 5 pages please. Up to 5 additional pages of letters of support, or other supporting materials may accompany proposal.
Attachment B Budget Proposal

The thesis prize gives us the chance to recognize the contributions of our finest graduate students, and to help boost them early in their careers. Indeed, some prize winners now have positions at national laboratories or at universities, and recent prize winners are all in postdoctoral positions. The thesis prize is a valuable program that deserves the continued support of the JSA Initiatives Fund. The User Group Board is thankful for past support, and requests continued support for the graduate students. The following table gives an indication of the success of our previous thesis prize winners. Recent winners all have postdoc positions, while earlier winners have moved to academic, lab, or industrial research positions.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Current status</i>
2008	Guy Ron	postdoc, Weizmann Institute, and UC Berkeley
2007	Michael Williams	postdoc, Saskatchewan
2007	Ian Cloet	postdoc, U. of Washington
2006	Jianglai Liu	postdoc, Cal Tech
2005	Carlos Munoz Camacho	Clermont-Ferrand
2004	Karl Slifer	Asst. Prof., U. of New Hampshire
2003	Ludyvine Morand	Industry
2002	Xiaochao Zheng	Asst. Prof., U. of Virginia
2001	Dave Gaskell	Staff, Jefferson Lab Hall C
2000	Maud Baylac	Head of accelerator group CNRS/LPSC
1999	Bart Terburg	Industry
1999	Ioanna Niculescu	Asst. Prof., James Madison U.

For the past few years, the fund has supported the Student Poster Competition at the annual Users Meeting. This program exists to reward and recognize our current students, to encourage attendance at the User Group Meeting, to encourage the students to develop their abilities at outreach, and to make a positive impression on visitors to the annual meeting. It has been a great success in fulfilling these goals; the impression of excitement we have conveyed to the funding agencies has been particularly beneficial, as we schedule the poster competition during the reception on the first day of the annual meeting.

The JSA Postdoctoral Fellowship has now only operated for two years. While it is too soon to know what impact it will have in the long term, Brad Sawatzky, our first winner in 2008, has now moved to a JLab Hall C Staff Position. Patricia Solvignon, our second winner in 2009, remains at Argonne National Laboratory.

Again, the User Group Board appreciates the past support, and requests continued support for the prizes, and their beneficiaries, the graduate students and postdocs.

