

## 2013-09-25: NOGLSTP Receives Motorola Solutions Foundation's Innovation Generation Grant

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Pasadena, Calif. (9/25/13)—The National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) announces a \$15,000 grant under the Innovation Generation grants program of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. The grant provides funding for two scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students who are pursuing degrees in STEM programs and are LGBT individuals or active allies of the LGBT community.

The program focuses on organizations that foster and support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) initiatives for teachers and U.S. preschool through university students, especially girls and underrepresented minorities. NOGLSTP is a non-profit organization that educates and advocates for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and queer students and professionals in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous grant and grateful for the support of the Motorola Solutions Foundation to nourish lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer and ally students in STEM career paths," said Rochelle Diamond, chair of the NOGLSTP Board of Directors and a research biologist at Caltech.

The grant also allows the organization's on-line mentoring program in partnership with MentorNet™ to continue and provides travel money for students to attend

NOGLSTP's biannual Out to Innovate<sup>™</sup> career summit for students and professionals in STEM. Beyond funding, NOGLSTP will receive ongoing support from the foundation's employee volunteers, who will act as mentors, tutors and experts in STEM careers.

"We are so honored to partner with organizations like NOGLSTP who are helping to create the world's future innovators and technology professionals," said Matt Blakely, director, Motorola Solutions Foundation. "As a company dedicated to helping people be their best in the moments that matter, Motorola Solutions could not be more honored to support programs such as NOGLSTP."

Since 2007, the Motorola Solutions Foundation's Innovation Generation grants have provided \$3.4 million to STEM education programs, supporting more than 400 school, museum and nonprofit programs across the United States and Canada. Innovation Generation is a part of Motorola Solutions' larger commitment to engaging youth in STEM education.

## **About NOGLSTP**

The National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) was established in 1980, incorporated in the State of California in 1991, and granted IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit status in 1992. NOGLSTP's mission is to educate the scientific and general communities about the presence and accomplishments of LGBT individuals in STEM professions. NOGLSTP presents educational symposia and workshops nationwide, and fosters dialog with other professional societies, academia and industry to facilitate diversity and inclusion in the workplace. NOGLSTP is an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a participating professional society member of MentorNet®, a sustaining member of the National Postdoctoral Association, a member of the Gay and Lesbian Leadership Institute Presidential Advisory Project's Coalition, and a founding member of the E-Week Diversity Council. For more information, visit www.noglstp.org, or contact Rochelle Diamond , chair, at chair@noglstp.org or Amy A. Ross, Ph.D. program coordinator, at rossa@caltech.edu.

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