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## *Cal Poly Introduces Interdisciplinary Faculty Program to Promote Entrepreneurial Learning Across Campus*

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship has named three professors to the CIE Faculty Fellows program, a collaborative and interdisciplinary effort to facilitate and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship across campus.

Brian Granger, associate professor of physics in the College of Science & Mathematics; Dale Dolan, the Hood Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering in the College of Engineering; and Christiane Schroeter, associate professor of agribusiness in the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, were selected for the program. In addition, Lynn Metcalf, Marketing Area chair in the Orfalea College of Business and returning CIE fellow, has been named Senior Fellow for this year and will guide the operations of the program.

The CIE Faculty Fellows program grants a yearly stipend to each fellow with the goal of developing entrepreneurial curriculum and research across colleges in partnership with the CIE. Additionally, each fellow will seek to incorporate entrepreneurship into their coursework and encourage entrepreneurial involvement among the university's faculty and students. Each fellow will build on Cal Poly's teacher/scholar model by developing cross-disciplinary programs and research projects that involve students.

"At Cal Poly, we believe that collaboration across disciplines and between students and faculty cultivates innovation and entrepreneurship," said Jonathan York, faculty director of the CIE. "The Faculty Fellows program serves as a catalyst to accomplish both these goals."

For the past two years, the CIE's faculty partners were supported through the Coleman Foundation in a pilot program to spread the entrepreneurial culture across Cal Poly's six colleges. The initial success of this program led to further donor support, which enabled the Faculty Fellows program to officially launch this year.

### **About the Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship**

The Cal Poly CIE opens entrepreneurial opportunities to Cal Poly students and faculty members. It promotes entrepreneurial activity, scholarship and dialogue across the university and throughout San Luis Obispo County.

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