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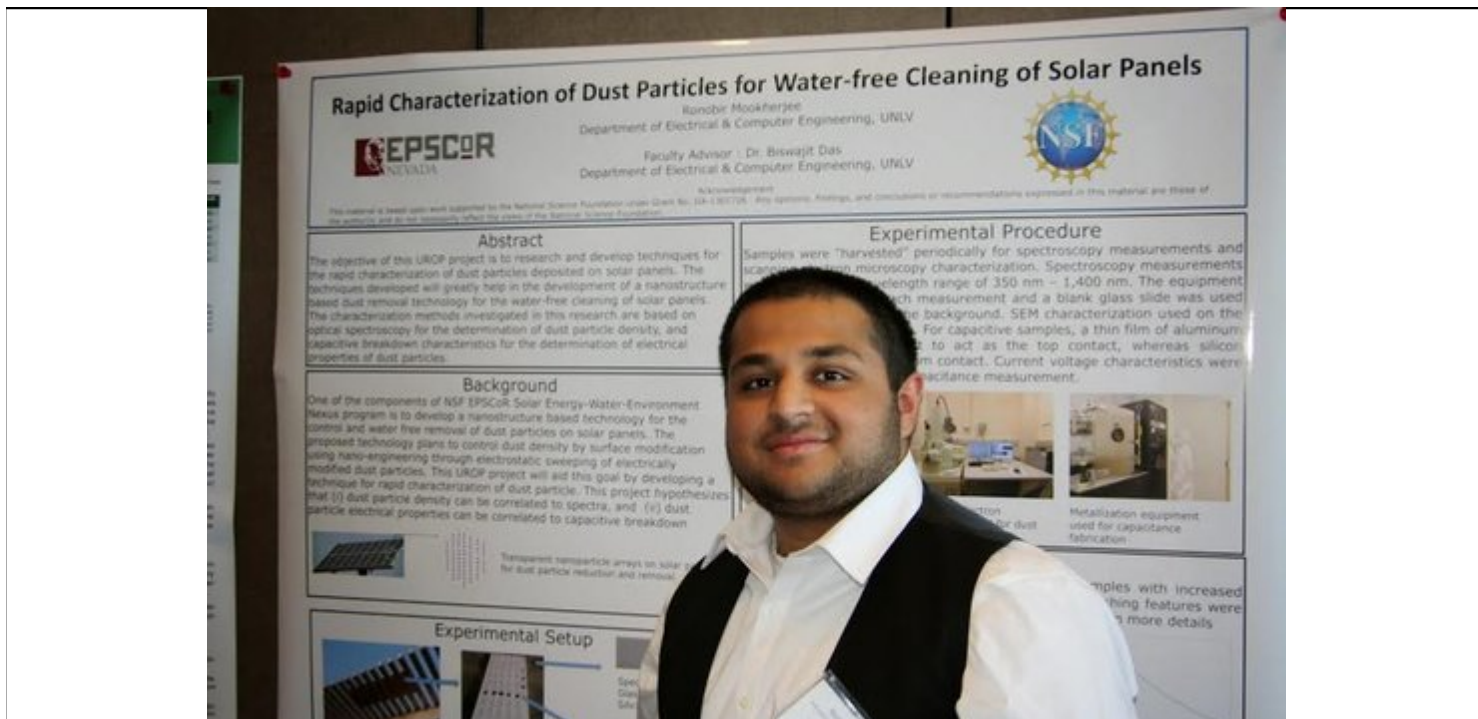


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Six students from Southern Nevada colleges and five from Northern Nevada were recently awarded undergraduate scholarships for the Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program by the education outreach team for the Nevada System of Higher Education's (NSHE) Nevada Solar-Energy-Water-Environment Nexus project (Solar Nexus project).

The program provides recipients with an opportunity to conduct hands-on research and engage with a college faculty mentor and co-mentor at a university of research institute.

Most recipients will work on an aspect of the Solar Nexus project, a five-year research project focusing on solar energy generation and its impacts on the nexus – or linkages – among Nevada's limited water resources and fragile environment.

The Solar Nexus Project is unique since it supports coordinated research on the nexus of solar energy generation with impacts on water resources and the environment. Its research involves and/or will benefit the following areas: solar power, engineering, diversity, education, cyberinfrastructure, Nevada economic development and diversification and workforce development, data collection, connectivity, software tools to help scientists, students and decision-makers.

At the completion of the summer research project, each student will present a poster at a summer undergraduate research symposium to be held at campuses in Reno and Las Vegas in August.

The students from Southern Nevada include: Samuel Bassong, Nevada State College; Sierra Combs, Nevada State College; Brenda Favela-Belmonte, Nevada State College; Kris Thanesjesdapong, College of Southern Nevada; Nicole Vita, Nevada State College; and Maya Zawlodzki, Nevada State College.

The program gives student the opportunity to further prepare for careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.



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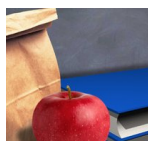


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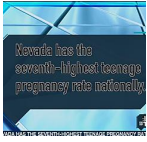


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