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Date: June 5, 2008

Subject: VSoE Research Innovation Fund Awards

VSoE Faculty,

I am pleased to announce the results of the second 2007/08 VSoE Research Innovation funding cycle. All submitted proposals were reviewed by the Dean's office and the Engineering Faculty Council Research Committee. A total of \$58,000 was awarded over the following six selected projects:

"Megacities"

Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

"Intelligent Spaces for Mental Health and Wellbeing Applications"

Panayiotis Georgiou, Shrikanth Narayanan, Gayla Margolin

"International Symposium on the Dynamics of Extended Structures, in Honor of Prof. Ahmed M. Abdel-Ghaffer"

Sam Masri

"USC Diversity Workshop"

Aiichiro Nakano

"Robotics ORU Faculty Visiting Program"

Gaurav Sukhatme and Stefan Schaal

"USC Symposium on Structure and Function of Energetic Materials"

Priya Vashishta

We look forward to the next round of proposals, planned for fall 2008. Congratulations to all!

Maja J Mataric
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