

City and County of San Francisco  
**Office of the Mayor****Stem Cell Research Job Training Program****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**\*\*\* PRESS RELEASE \*\*\*****Mayor and City College Announce Groundbreaking Stem Cell Research  
Job Training Program**

*\$780,000 state funded grant is a public/private partnership to bolster San Francisco's workforce through cutting edge training in emerging Stem Cell field*

San Francisco, CA- Mayor Gavin Newsom joined representatives of City College of San Francisco to announce the receipt of a \$780,000 grant from the Governor's Office to create a Stem Cell Certificate training program. This program, which is the first technical Certificate to equip students with the latest in stem cell research techniques, will provide students the scientific background and laboratory experience needed to find jobs in this emerging field.

"San Francisco is providing clear leadership when it comes to stem cell research," said Mayor Newsom. "This program is part of a comprehensive strategy to ensure that we maximize the opportunities created by the Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative."

"This is another example of our efforts to ensure that curriculum is on the cutting edge," said Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., City College Chancellor. "We can now provide students with a level of education and training required to get jobs in this rapidly growing field."

Building on relationships with local private industry and academic institutions, including UCSF, Gladstone Institutes, Stanford, Geron, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and others is a critical element of the Stem Cell Certificate program. City College will provide summer research training to its instructors at stem cell research institutions throughout the Bay Area in order to ensure the highest quality of instruction in cutting-edge techniques.

City College's strong relationships with research institutions and life sciences companies will create both internship and employment opportunities for Stem Cell Certificate recipients. The grant will fund training for at least 85 students. Priority access to the Stem Cell Certificate Program will be given to students who are in the "On-Ramp to

Biotech” and “Bridge to Biotech” programs, which serve students of low socioeconomic status who have traditionally been underrepresented in the sciences.

Wrap-around services provided by SFWorks and the Private Industry Council will offer further assistance to disadvantaged students in finding and maintaining employment. “The growing biotechnology industry has created job opportunities for individuals with diverse backgrounds and skill sets,” said Terri Feeley, SFWorks Executive Director. “SFWorks is pleased to be able to partner with CCSF in offering a full continuum of biotech training from On-Ramp through Bridge to Biotech,” summed up Feeley.

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