

Introduction

In an effort to increase the visibility of the work of California State University (CSU) faculty and research affinity groups, the Chancellor's Office has sponsored an initiative to develop a system-wide web database that allows faculty to build and publish their professional work, discover CSU colleagues conducting similar research, join research affinity groups in the CSU, create custom curriculum vitae or NIH and NSF biosketches automatically, and use a range of tools.

Description

Features of the software include:

- Easy-to-use methods for faculty to create scholarly profiles with biographical, publication, award, and other information.
- Support for research or affinity group profiles.
- Unique search and discovery tools to locate colleagues with similar research or scholarly interests across campuses and disciplines.
- Support for all CSU Accessible Technology Initiative requirements.

Coming Soon

- Reuse of profile data by faculty to produce custom curriculum vitae, NSF or NIH biosketches, or custom reports.
- Expansion of automated citation data sources for easier publication management.
- Ability for campuses, colleges, departments, and groups to list links to faculty profiles on their own websites.
- Open APIs will allow institutions and others to reuse data for websites or printed materials.

Timeline

After concluding a successful year long pilot of Fresca within the CSU, in which a beta version of the software was launched to over 150 faculty within three system-wide groups, we are now expanding the pilot to include additional groups and begin roll-outs on select campuses. During this phase, the Fresca team will provide continual updates to the software.

Pilot Partners

- California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB)
- Council on Ocean Affairs, Science and Technology (COAST)
- Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC)
- Water Resources and Policy Initiatives (beginning Spring 2009)
- Council for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (beginning Spring 2009)
- San Francisco State University (beginning Spring 2009)
- San Diego State University (beginning Spring 2009)
- CSU Pomona (beginning Summer 2009)

How to Participate?

CSU faculty from pilot campuses or groups will receive an email invitation to join Fresca, but you can also request one from the homepage. Each campus or group will have a contact person for direct questions. We invite all CSU faculty to request an account. If you are a current Fresca user, we welcome any and all feedback.

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