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University Partnership Program for Scintillator Materials Research

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Summary Report

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CRADA Title: University Partnership Program for Scintillator Materials Research

Parties to the Agreement: Dominican University and Fermi Research Alliance, LLC

Sponsoring DOE Program Office(s): Office of Science – High Energy Physics

DOE Funding Commitment Table:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Funding	* In-kind	* In-kind	* In-kind	* In-kind	Totals
Type					
Dept. of	<\$5,000	<\$5,000	<\$5,000	<\$5,000	<\$20,000
Energy					
Totals	<\$5,000	<\$5,000	<\$5,000	<\$5,000	<\$20,000

Abstract of CRADA work:

The Scintillation Detection Development (SDD) group of the Particle Physics Division (PPD) at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) conducts research and development work in the field of materials that exhibit scintillation properties for use in particle detection and identification in nuclear and high energy physics experiments and applications. SDD has established a University Partnership Program for Scintillator Materials Research (Program), to facilitate collaboration with faculty and students from local universities.

The collaboration between the SDD group and Dominican University will address the development of new plastic scintillating materials in two ways:

- 3.1. Synthesis of new organic fluorescent compounds to test with plastics commonly used in scintillation applications
- 3.2. Preparation and testing of commercially available plastics known for their resilience to radiation and rarely used in scintillation applications

Summary of Research Results:

The following students from Dominican University came to Fermilab and carried out research under the objectives of this CRADA, in particular:

Study and development of a synthetic route for a benzoxanthene derivative of the following general structure, the substituent on the N-atom could be slightly different as well as the presence of the methyl group on the "basic" benzoxanthene structure.

- Christopher Vazquez 2016
- Jeanette Rojas 2017
- Leslie Castillo 2018
- Olivia Maj 2019
- Christopher D. Vazquez 2020

Related Reports, Publications, and Presentations:

Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Investigations (URSCI) at Dominican University:

<u>Christopher Vazquez</u> – poster presented in 2017 at URSCI – Dominican University → Investigation of K27 Synthesis Step One: Condensation

<u>Ieanette Rojas</u> – poster presented in 2018 at URSCI – Dominican University → Investigation of K27 Synthesis (Step Three): Cyclization of APNA with Diazonium Salt

<u>Leslie Castillo</u> - poster presented in 2019 at URSCI – Dominican University → Investigation of K27: Step Three and Four

Olivia Maj – poster presented in 2019 at URSCI – Dominican University → K27: A Preparation of Fluorescent Organic Compounds

<u>Christopher D. Vazquez</u> – poster presented in 2020 at URSCI – Dominican University → Halogen-Substituted Benzoxanthene Derivatives

Annual presentations on R&D at Fermilab:

James Freeman – February 2020 – Recent Activities in Calorimetry and Scintillators James Freeman – May 2021 – 2020 Status on Calorimetry and Scintillator

Subject Inventions listing:

None

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