

# CONGRATULATIONS! Provost's Undergraduate Fellowship Recipients FALL 2018

# COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Anika Agrawal, Enviromental Toxicology

Effects of Microplastic Ingestion on the Mole Crab (Emerita analoga)

**Zhousheng Liu, Food Science and Technology** 

Evaluation of Behavior of Food Pathogens on Dry Fruits

# COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

**Dominik Aylard, Biological Sciences** 

Investigating the Mechanisms Underlying the Correlation Between BRAHMA Chromatin Remodeling Complex Mutations and Increased Occurrence of Cancer

David Berrios, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Characterizing the Terpenoid Defenses in Foxtail Millet

Jacqueline Colin, Genetics and Genomics

Investigating Microbial isolates from *Rana sierrae* and their Interactions with the Virulent Chytrid Fungus, *Batrachochytrium dendrohatidis* 

Martha Delaney, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Characterizing ERMES Subunit Function and Architecture in Mitochondria

Alena Dinh, Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

Identifying the Molecular Machinery of Cell Fusion in Epithelial-derived Cancer Cells

Julia Lemak, Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

Investigation of Migration Patterns of Newborn Adult Hippocampal Neurons Using Novel Tissue Clearing and Imaging Techniques

Celena Lozano, Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

Antioxidant Activity in Ibuprofen-Treated Brain Cells

Hiu Ling Mak, Microbiology

The Capacity of Food-associated, Fermenting Bacteria to Reduce Extracellular Iron

Linett Medina, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Design of Human Prolyl Endopeptidase (HPE) as a Potential Anticancer Prodrug Activator

Joanne Newens, Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior

Peroxisomal Beta Oxidation and Oxidative Stress

Dennett Rodriguez, Microbiology

The Coop Scoop: Searching for Antibiotic Resistance Genes from Backyard Poultry in Households Using Metagenomic Sequencing

Tara Shahrvini, Neurobiology

Sex and Chromosome Specific Meiotic Crossover Regulation in C. elegans

Christopher Vo, Microbiology

Engineering Adhesion-Induced Probiotic Strain for Enhanced Survivability and Efficacy Under Environmental Stress

### **COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Reca Caballero, Biomedical Engineering

Cultivation and Characterization of Urea-Degrading Bacteria from the Termite Gut

Nirajana Jayakrishna, Computer Science and Engineering

Optimization of Transfection Protocols to Study Calcium Channel Regulation in HEK-293 Cell Model

Alejandro Tenorio, Biomedical Engineering

Investigating the Effects of Prebiotics and their Potential for Improving Human Health Using an In Vitro Gut System

### COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCES

Ceara Brashears, Sociology

Cultural Competency in Spanish-immersion Schools

Samantha Cramer, Anthropology

Stable isotope analyses of Bronze Age Burials from the Chaldran Plain, Iran

Simran Johal, Psychology and General Statistics

The Role of White Matter Integrity on Development of Introspection Ability: A Longitudinal Analysis

**Havenner Nicolas, Chemistry** 

Total Synthesis of Bisavenanthramide B-1

Lauren Reynolds, Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Toward Renewable Energy Storage using Earth Abundant Metal Complexes

Valencia Scott, Anthropology & International Relations

Blackness at the Intersections: Immigration, Blackness, and Criminilization in the United States

Yu Ching Tang, Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Photochemical N-alkylation of Diketopyrrolopyrrole

Tiana Williams, Cinema and Digital Media & African American Studies

Radicalized: The History of the United States Prisoners' Rights Movement