



2017 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Awardees

1. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kate Detwiler, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Student fellow: Sandra Almanza

Project: Conservation and evolutionary genomics: Cryopreservation and quantification of DNA extracts of tissue

samples from wild primate populations

2. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Hamilton, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Student fellow: Catrin Kareem

Project: Chaldean Neo-Aramaic Syntax

3. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jean Martin Caldieron, College for Design and Social Inquiry

Student fellow: Kestride Estil

Project: Model dwelling of recycled plastic for disaster relief in Haiti

4. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Seth Fallik, College for Design and Social Inquiry

Student fellow: Caralin Branscum

Project: Sexual Assault Legal Analysis and Reform

5. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Andy Khamoui, College of Education

Student fellow: Jessica Halle

Project: Defining the mechanisms of mitochondrial quality control to combat cancer cachexia

6. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Chun-Jung Huang, College of Education

Student fellow: Avraham Aderman

Project: The Effect of Acute High-Intensity Interval Exercise vs. Continuous Moderate-Intensity Exercise on the

Expression of BDNF and Inflammatory Mediators in Obese Individuals

7. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elias Bou-Harb, College of Engineering and Computer Science

Student fellow: Mario Galluscio

Project: Large-scale Empirical Characterization of Unsecure IoT Devices

8. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mike Kim, College of Engineering and Computer Science

Student fellow: Natalia Linares

Project: Understanding Sorption Mechanisms of Hydrocarbon Through Microchannels

9. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kanybek Nur-tegin, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Student fellow: Jesse Pulliam

Project: The Effect of Social Capital on Corruption: An Empirical Inquiry

10. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Student fellow: Haley Katz

Project: Immune surveillance towards autologous and allogeneic cells

11. Faculty Mentor: Dr. James VanZwieten

Student fellow: David Wilson

Project: Open Ocean Turbulence Characterization for Ocean Current Energy Applications





12. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tanja Godenschwege, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Brittany Henry

Project: To characterize the potential nuclear function of L1CAM In vivo using Drosophila Melanogaster

13. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Tanja Godenschwege, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Richelle Poulos

Project: Developmental and adult function of the Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) in the Drosophila Giant Fiber

Circuit

14. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marianne Porter, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Andrea Hernandez

Project: Ontogeny of morphology and muscle development in the walking epaulette shark (Hemiscyllium

ocellatum)

15. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Evelyn Frazier, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Andrea Rodriguez

Project: Radio telemetry study of social behaviors in Gopher Tortoises

16. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Xing-Hai Zhang, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Fernando Rocha

Project: CRISPR-mediated genomic editing in plants

17. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mare Cudic, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Forrest Fitzgerald

Project: Thermodynamic Analysis of Galectin-1 Binding to MUC1 Glycopeptides Bearing TF Glycan

18. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mare Cudic, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Elizabeth Mercer

Project: Synthesis of glycosylated building blocks bearing tumor-associated carbohydrate antigens

19. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stephane Roche, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Student fellow: Aya Tal-mason

Project: Design and Synthesis of Novel 4-Aza-Podophyllotoxins: Inhibitors of tubulin polymerization