

## Summer 2026 -Honors Summer Research Fellowships

**Alex Cain**, College of College of Health Sciences, Biomedical Science major, Philosophy and Neuroscience minors

**Project Title:** Dissecting regulation of volitional natural reward taking in cortico-striatal circuits

**Faculty mentor:** Dr. Matt Hearing, Biomedical Sciences

**Loriann Chávez**, College of Arts & Sciences, Cognitive Science major; Spanish Language, Literature & Cultures, Mental Health Applications, Innovation Leadership minors

**Project Title:** Mental Health Applications, Innovation Leadership minors

**Project Title:** Student and Instructor Perceptions of the Grading System: Impact and Alternatives

**Faculty mentor:** Dr. Amelia Zurcher, English

**Marisa D'Amico**, College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science and International Affairs majors, History and Business Administration minors

**Project Title:** Citizenship in the Built Environment: Examining Urban Change, Public Memory, and Black Historical Visibility in Virginia

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Sergio Gonzalez, History

**Zachary End**, College of Arts & Sciences, Psychology, Cognitive Science, and Economics majors

**Project Title:** Associations Among Executive Functioning, Stress, and Prosocial Behavior in Youth

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Astrida Kaugars, Psychology

**Braden Galbert**, College of Arts & Sciences, Political Science and International Affairs majors

**Project Title:** Federal Immigration Enforcement and Community Trust: Perceived Safety and Social Cohesion in Milwaukee Neighborhoods

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Noelle Brigden, Political Science

**Sophia Halick**, College of Arts & Sciences, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology major

**Project Title:** Illuminating the Mechanism by which ipRGC Regulation Occurs

**Faculty mentor:** Deanna Arble, Biological Sciences

**Clark Hinz**, College of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering major

**Project Title:** Determination of a Dimensionless Parameter to Relate Heat Flux across Varying Window Aspect Ratios in Facade Fires

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Casey Allen, Mechanical Engineering

**Rosella Hoffman**, College of Arts & Sciences, International Affairs, Political Science majors, Arabic Language & Cultural Studies minors

**Project Title:** The Restructuring of the Syrian Armed Forces under Ahmed al-Sharaa

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Risa Brooks, Political Science

**Kalliyen Kay**, College of Health Sciences, Biomedical Sciences major, Creative Writing minor

**Project Title:** The Kay's Survival Through the Killing Fields

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Dinesh Sabu, Digital Media and Performing Arts

**Gabriel Marotto**, College of Arts & Sciences, English major, Sociology minor

**Project Title:** Theatre of the Absurd Remix

**Faculty Mentor:** Angela Sorby, English

**Alexis McDermott**, College of Arts & Sciences, Psychology, Cognitive Science, and Social Welfare & Justice majors

**Project Title:** Beyond the Record: Personal Stories of Life, Identity, and Encounters with the Justice System

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Ed de St. Aubin and Esme Ruiz-Lezama, Psychology

**Addison Meissner**, College of Health Sciences, Biomedical Science major

**Project Title:** The role of D2-receptor Prelimbic-Nucleus Accumbens Subcircuits in Chronic-Stressed Induced Cognitive Flexibility Deficits

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Matthew Hearing; Biomedical Sciences

**Amelia Meyer**, College of Education, Secondary College of Education, Mathematics, and Philosophy majors

**Project Title:** How do Undergraduate Women Describe Moments that Shaped their Math Confidence?

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Blake O'Neal Turner, College of Educational Policy & Leadership

**Ava Petrowitz**, College of Health Sciences, Biomedical Sciences major

**Project Title:** The influence of Biological Sex and Chronic Stress on Facets of Decision-Making

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Matthew Hearing, Biomedical Sciences

**Avery Rogan**, College of Education, Educational Studies and Psychology majors, Special Education and Sociology minors

**Project Title:** Efficacy of the PEERS® Program for Adolescents with Social Anxiety Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Amy Van Hecke, Psychology

**Nikita Stacey** College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences major

**Project Title:** Effects of Glyphosate on Thermoregulation in Honeybees

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Chelsea Cook, Biology

**Grace Sviland**, College of Arts & Sciences, Psychologist major, Neuroscience minor

**Project Title:** PTSD Symptom Severity and Self-Efficacy in Female Veterans Participating in a Yoga Program

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Rachel Bollaert, PhD (Exercise Science) and Dr. Jacklynn Fitzgerald, PhD (Psychology)

**JJ Vander Loop**, College of Arts & Sciences, Economics and Political Science majors, Theology minor

**Project Title:** State Policy Responses to Changes in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Administrative Cost-Sharing in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

**Faculty Mentor:** Dr. Lisa M. Grabert, Nursing