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Students competing for the fellowships had to submit an application form, brief resume, copy of a current transcript, one letter of reference and a one-page narrative.

This year's summer fellowship winners are:

- Aisha Chaudhry, biology major, of Rochester Hills will be researching the "Role of plasmin in retinal ganglion cell death."
- Jenae Johnson, biology major, of Ortonville will be researching "Yeast two-hybrid random peptide/bioinformatics screen for mapping protein interactions of retinal disease proteins."
- Dennis O'Connor, biology major, of Ortonville will be researching "Light and electron microscopic characterization of developing photoreceptor-RPE interactions."
- Sara Pelliccia, biology major, of Troy will be researching "Use of RT-PCR to search for the CYP1A1 cytochrome P450 gene in cultured human lens epithelial cells."
- Jessica Runco, biochemistry major, of Bloomfield Hills will be researching "A morphological study of in vivo hyperoxic damage to retinas of pigmented mice."
- Afreen Siddiqui, biology major, of Sterling Heights will be researching "Yeast two-hybrid system for trapping proteins binding to autoactivated receptor tyrosine kinase dimmers."
- Kristen Tebo, biology/physics major, of Walloon Lake will be researching "Immunoaffinity purification and tryptic mapping of an ocular tetraspanin."

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