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## Students awarded ERI research fellowships

Oakland University's **Eye Research Institute** (ERI), in conjunction with the Oakland University **Center for Biomedical Research**, recently awarded six \$3,000 summer research fellowships to OU undergraduates.

The summer research program provides students with a unique opportunity to conduct independent research on vision and blinding eye diseases under the guidance of ERI faculty.

This year's summer fellowship winners are:

- Zahra Firouzgan of Walled Lake, a biochemistry major, will work with Barry Winkler, professor of biomedical sciences, on retinal metabolism.
- Hiba Ghani of Sterling Heights, a biology major, will work with Shравan Chintala, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, on retinal biochemistry.
- Danielle Hobrow of Clawson, a biology major, will work with Kenneth Mitton, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, on retinal molecular biology.
- Janice Loffreda of Macomb, a biology major, also will work with Mitton on retinal molecular biology.
- Stephanie Niec of Otisville, a biology major, will work with Andrew F.X. Goldberg, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, on retinal proteins.
- Nathaniel Whitcomb of Romeo, a biology major, will work with Frank Giblin, professor of biomedical sciences and interim director of the Eye Research Institute, on lens proteins.

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

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