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Student research scholars announced

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Six Oakland University students recently were selected as the second group of recipients of the University Student Research Scholar Award. Award recipients receive up to \$1,000 to support a research project for a minimum of one semester and have the opportunity to apply for up to \$500 in travel support to present their research results at a professional conference.

The undergraduate students recently selected for the award include Megan Callewaert, Adnan Hussain, Jonathan Muenk, Michael Sauer and Jamie Tegal. Nibedita Bandyopadhyay also was selected as the second graduate student recipient of the award.

"I'm highly impressed with the quality and diversity of the student projects," said Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil. "The proposals submitted by these students likely will result in work that will be publishable in journals. This initiative highlights the commitment of students and their faculty mentors in providing a distinctive undergraduate experience at Oakland University."

The University Student Research Scholars program exposes undergraduates to the challenges and excitement of research. Students are selected based on their academic strengths as well as the quality, significance and potential impact of their proposed research projects. Applicants also must be endorsed by a faculty member, who supervises them during the research project period.

The student research scholars must work on their projects for at least one semester and submit a final research report within one year. The final report deadline for this award cycle is September 2003.

Applications for the program are accepted three times a year. The deadline for the next series of proposals is Oct. 1.

"I'd like the entire university community to take note of this unique opportunity," Moudgil said. "In the future we hope even more schools and colleges within the university will participate. All students should consider submitting a proposal regardless of their discipline."

Undergraduates in their junior and senior years receive preference for the award, but exceptional proposals from all OU students are considered. An OU Research Advisory Committee, comprised of faculty members from a broad range of disciplines, reviews and evaluates the proposals. The program and funding is made possible by the vice president for academic affairs and provost.

Nibedita Bandyopadhyay

Bandyopadhyay's proposal is titled "Inhomogeneous Gamma Processes: A Model for Recurrent Event Data." Her mentor is Ananda Sen from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Applied Statistics).

Megan Callewaert

Callewaert's proposal is titled "Ethnographic Video of Pontiac Area Hmong Community." Her mentor is Richard Stamps from the Department of Anthropology/Sociology.

Adnan Hussain

Hussain's proposal is titled "Effect of Chemicals (i.e., carbofuran) on Embryonic Cell Differentiation." His mentor is Rasul Chaudhry from the Department of Biological Sciences.

Jonathan Muenk

Muenk's proposal is titled "ADHD Meta-Analysis." His mentor is Ronald Butzlaff from the Department of Psychology.

Michael Sauer

Sauer's proposal is titled "Metabolism in Cultures of Retinal Cells." His mentor is Barry Winkler from the Eye Research Institute.

Jamie Tegal

Togal's proposal is titled "The Causal Relationship between Body Oscillations and the Withholding of Larval Saliva in the Social Wasp *Polistes Fuscatus* (Hymenoptera, Vespidae)." His mentor is George Gamboa from the Department of Biological Sciences.

For more information, guidelines and application material, visit the [University Student Research Scholar Award](#) Web page, which can be found on the [Research](#) Web site.

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