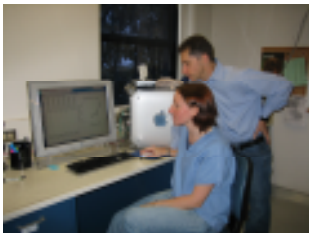


IES Brain Research Foundation 4th Annual Gala Dinner



2007 IES Brain Research Foundation Summer Fellows

“Working in Dr. Greenough’s lab this summer was a great experience, and when my senior year is finished I’ve decided to go onto graduate school and continue in the field of neuroscience research. The project I worked on was an interesting one and I gained invaluable research experience that I will need in graduate school and my career after that. At the beginning of the summer, I was leaning toward graduate school, but I was still considering medical school as well. I was on the fence struggling to make a decision about which direction to take my life. After working in a neuroscience lab all summer, I have come to a decision – I’m going to graduate school. I find research very interesting and I believe I would enjoy doing research for a living much more than I would enjoy practicing medicine. I love being in a research environment and doing experiments. Also, the brain is a very interesting thing to study, and I really enjoyed the project I did this summer. So, I’ve decided to continue along the neuroscience path and pursue a PhD in graduate school. I’m thankful that this fellowship from the Irene & Eric Simon Brain Research Foundation has allowed me to gain so much lab experience and finally make a decision about what direction I want to go in when I graduate.” Samantha Todd



“I spent this past summer working in the lab of Dr. S. Barak Caine, director of the Neuroscience Program of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center at McLean Hospital. My experience this summer has had a substantial impact on my future academic goals and career plans. Dr. Caine has been an incredibly knowledgeable and helpful mentor. I’ve never met anyone so passionate about his field and so eager to teach others. I could not have asked for a better introduction to this type of research. I am tremendously grateful to the Irene &

Eric Simon Brain Research Foundation for providing financial support to young researchers like myself. Not only has it been an incredible honor to receive this award, but the Foundation’s Summer Fellowship also allowed me to gain research experience in neuroscience and behavioral pharmacology that would not have been possible without such support. I have found my research experiences this summer to be extremely interesting and rewarding, and I owe many thanks to the IES Brain Research Foundation for providing me with such a wonderful opportunity”. Dana Angood



“I would like to thank the Irene & Eric Simon Brain Research Foundation for the opportunity to work at the neuropharmacology lab this past summer at The Scripps Research Institute under Dr. George Koob. This unique experience allowed me to see in a laboratory setting the real life applications of my classroom knowledge. Through this summer fellowship, I have been fortunate to work in a field that allows me to establish groundwork for my future career and interests. It has been a valuable learning experience and

has ignited my passion to further pursue this field in hopes of one day obtaining an MD/PhD and becoming a psychiatrist specializing in drug addictions and mental disorders”. Youn Kyung Lee

Follow up message from 2005 IES Brain Research Foundation Summer Fellow Ken Wannemacher

“I was fortunate to be one of the first IES Brain Research Foundation summer fellows in 2005. I am very proud to be associated with an organization that carries the name of Dr. Eric Simon, a true pioneer in opioid receptor pharmacology. Under the excellent mentoring of Dr. Richard Howells, a former student of Dr. Simon, and with the support of the IES Brain Research Foundation, I was able to present my work concerning the mechanism of opioid receptor upregulation following antagonist treatment at the Society for Neuroscience meeting in Washington D.C. in the fall of 2005. I have also have been able to travel to St. Paul, Minnesota for the International Narcotics Research Conference in 2006 and will also be attending the Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego in a few weeks. These experiences, made possible by the foundation, have facilitated my growth as a scientist and have furthered my interest in studying opioid receptor biology at the molecular level. I hope to graduate from UMDNJ within the next year with a PhD and look forward to the next step in my career. I am very grateful to the IES Brain Research Foundation for their support”.