

Stephanie Ruby Undergraduate Fellowship Program

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Molecular Genetics & Microbiology



Ms. Cecelia Kelly recently was awarded the Stephanie Ruby Fellowship. Ms. Kelly is a junior majoring in biochemistry and working in Dr. Irene Salinas's lab in the UNM Department of Biology.

The Fellowship program, established by the UNM Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, honors the late Stephanie Ruby and her contributions to undergraduate research education. Although the focus of the fellowship is on biology, chemistry, biochemistry or engineering, it also considers students from other disciplines. In collaboration with the Biology Department, Cecelia will continue to work in Dr. Salinas's lab, where she will be researching innate immune functions of mucosal immunoglobulins in rainbow trout and rainbow trout nasal immunity.

The Fellowship provides the student with a salary, while Dr. Salinas, acting as Cecelia's sponsor, will provide her with lab space, materials, and the supplies necessary to complete her project.