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APS Awards $88,400 to Its 2016 STRIDE Undergraduate Research Fellows

17 Fellows in the 2016 Cohort

Bethesda, Md. (May 25, 2016)—The American Physiological Society (APS) is pleased to announce its 2016 Short-Term Research Education Program to Increase Diversity in Health-Related Research (STRIDE) Fellows. Fellowship winners spend the summer in the laboratory of an established scientist and APS member. The STRIDE program recruits undergraduate students nationwide from disadvantaged backgrounds, from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, and students with disabilities to work with APS member-researchers in the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) mission areas of cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematologic and sleep disorder research.

2016 STRIDE Fellows:
(APS member-hosts are listed under each Fellow’s name)

Hassan Ahamed – University of Iowa
George Richerson, MD, PhD – University of Iowa

Ashley Alunan* – Willamette University
Carolyn Ecelbarger, PhD – Georgetown University

Preston Anderson – University of Iowa
John F. Engelhardt, PhD – University of Iowa

Rebeca Arocha – University of Florida
Jaskena Zubcevic, PhD – University of Florida

Jasmine Boone – University of South Florida
Ruisheng Liu, MD, PhD – University of South Florida College of Medicine

Kofi Cater* – University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Rachel Brewster, PhD – University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Taylor Copeland – Georgia State University
Brett Wong, PhD – Georgia State University

Anthony Freeman – Xavier University
Mitsi Blount, PhD – Emory University School of Medicine

Joslyn Isaac – University of Kentucky
Kenneth Campbell, PhD – University of Kentucky

Janay Little* – Hampton University
Georges Haddad, PhD – Howard University

Tenia Mirzaian – California State University, Northridge
David Warburton, MD – The Saban Research Institute

Chinweoke Osigwe – Case Western Reserve University
Alan D. Levine, PhD – Case Western Reserve University

Alyssa Pennington – Jackson State University
Jan Michael Williams, PhD – University of Mississippi Medical Center

Michaela Pfeifer – Bethel University
Prachi Singh, PhD – Mayo Clinic

Nicholas Randall – Brigham Young University
Thomas P. Olson, PhD – Mayo Clinic

Brandon Ritchie – George Washington University
Colin N. Young, PhD – George Washington University

Kiran Somers – University of Southern California
Prachi Singh, PhD – Mayo Clinic

*This press release was amended on July 21, 2016 to include three additional 2016 STRIDE Fellows announced after the original cohort.

Fellows are selected based on academic merit, the quality of the proposed experience and the availability of appropriate faculty mentors. Each Fellow receives a $4,000 stipend during their 10-week research experience and an additional $1,200 in travel funds to present his or her research at the Experimental Biology 2017 meeting in Chicago, which is expected to attract nearly 14,000 attendees. Research hosts receive $500 for student lab supplies.
STRIDE Fellows will participate in hands-on research and learn to develop a hypothesis, design and troubleshoot experiments, collect and analyze data, and write and present results. In addition, Fellows will have the opportunity to:

- network with other APS undergraduate Fellows interested in biomedical research,
- explore the nature of research and the scientific process,
- investigate career options and what it takes to find career success,
- pose their career questions to members of the APS Porter Physiology Development and Minority Affairs Committee and Advisory Board, and
- learn about common ethical issues in figure and text preparation.

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To set up an interview with one of the Fellows or a research host or to find out more about APS and its educational and award program initiatives, visit the APS website or contact Brooke Bruthers, APS senior program manager, diversity programs (301-634-7226), or Miranda Byse, APS program manager, Life Science Teaching Resource Community and professional skills training (240-743-8045), or visit the APS STRIDE website.

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**About the APS Education Department:** The APS supports a variety of educational activities, including programs and fellowships to encourage the development of young scientists at the undergraduate and graduate levels, with a particular focus on women and underrepresented minorities. APS also supports refresher courses and teaching awards promoting continued excellence in education at the professional level. APS is a proud past recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

**About the APS:** Physiology is the study of how molecules, cells, tissues and organs function in health and disease. Established in 1887, the American Physiological Society (APS) was the first U.S. society in the biomedical sciences field. The Society represents more than 11,000 members and publishes 14 peer-reviewed journals with a worldwide readership.