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BETHEL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RECEIVES MONEY FOR RESEARCH

MISSOULA, Mont. —

A Bethel undergraduate student in the Division of Biological Sciences at The University of Montana has received funding for his summer research project.

Senior Jesse Thompson earned funding through the Integrated Biological Science Courses Organized Around Research project (Project IBS-CORE), which is intended to involve more undergraduate students in biological research.

Thompson is one of 18 UM students who will receive a monthly stipend of $750 for three months, plus a budget of up to $1,000 for research materials and travel. A committee of biology faculty members reviewed and ranked all student research proposals when deciding which students would be named 2000 IBS-CORE Undergraduate Research Fellows.

Thompson’s project is titled "Antibody Response to an Immunogenic Organism." He will study the individual antibody responses of wild cougars infected with feline immunodeficiency virus, especially whether responses differ between populations or within an individual over time.

Project IBS-CORE is funded by a $1.4 million grant awarded to UM by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a nonprofit medical research organization. This is the second year the project has funded undergraduate research fellows.

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