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STIPENDS

STUDENTS FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF MAJORS WIN CASH STIPENDS FOR SUMMER  
PROJECTS.

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*Above: Undergraduate research is an integral part of a CNU education.*

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A group of students from majors spanning the academic spectrum, from genetics to music, are the winners of this year's [Honors Program](#) summer research stipend competition. The winners each receive a \$1,000 stipend to support their independent research projects. The winners are listed below.

- Emily Abrel, [music](#)  
Learning and Opportunity Gaps of Music Students: A Study on Appealing to the Needs of All Students
- Julia Allen, [political science](#)  
Hizballah's Member Retention Methods and the Role That Gender Plays
- Chris Balog, [chemistry](#)  
Synthesis of Hydrogen through Catalysis of Precious Metal MOFs Supported on Graphene
- Margaret Brown, [biology](#)  
Catalysis of Sodium Borohydride Using Copper and Silver Nanoparticles
- Corbette Confit-Fox, [theater](#)  
Playing God: The Power of Creation in Frankenstein Through the Lens of Gender

- Jessica Cropley, chemistry  
Use of Carbon Microspheres Decorated with Platinum and Palladium Nanoparticles for Hydrogen-Evolving Reaction in Varying Environmental Conditions
  - Hannah Hinkley, biology  
Bodies of Research: Psychological Reasoning Behind Donation of Body for Cadaveric Study and Dissection
  - Leah Johnson, [biology](#)  
Monitoring Metal Contaminants in Oysters in the Elizabeth River
  - Jessica King, [sociology](#)  
The History of Redlining and Housing Segregation in Newport News and Hampton, Virginia
  - Noah Mulligan, political science  
A Tangible Difference: Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, Sr., Rabbi Stephen Wise, and the Armenian Genocide
  - Ryo Murasaki, biology  
Utilizing Gene Prediction and Development of a Genomic Library to Conduct Fern Population Genetic Analysis
  - Megan Moran, biology  
Population Structure and Connectivity in Townsend's Big-Eared Bat
  - Brooke Nixon, [information science](#), [psychology](#)  
The COVID-19 Crisis: Cross-Cultural Leadership Lessons from China, Italy, and the United States
  - Clifton Painter, political science  
Libyan Crisis Recharged: International Maneuvering Triggering Renewed Threats
  - Lauren Proulx, biology  
Ancient Anatomy: A Study in Art Technique and Anatomical Accuracy
  - Lucas Sharrett, biology  
Volatile Organic Compound Emissions and Floral Morphology of Three Species of Sexually Dimorphic Silene Differing in Pollinator Composition
  - Jakira Silas, sociology  
Doing "Diversity": College Instructors' Perceptions, Encounters, and Praxis Regarding Diversity and Inclusion on Campus and in the Classroom
  - Grant Wiley, [philosophy](#)  
Documenting a New Biblical Archaeological Site: Israel, 1887-2020
  - Kristen Zicarelli, political science  
Exploring the Types of U.S. Diplomacy in the Argentinian Transition from Dictatorship to Democracy
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