

**PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF
SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN BIOCHEMISTRY
AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
SUMMER 2009**

Our 8-week summer program provides undergraduates, who have an interest in science, with hands-on experience in an active research laboratory under the direction of an established scientist. The research involves planning and performing experiments to answer questions of interest in contemporary biochemistry. Although there are no prerequisite courses, it is clearly advantageous to have a good knowledge of organic chemistry and biology to appreciate the research goals. Priority will be given to students entering their senior year. In the final week there will be a symposium in which students will give a short talk reporting the progress of their project.

In addition to activities in the research laboratory, there will be a weekly seminar with presentations by excellent research scientists. Because these seminars are in a small group format, there will be opportunities to ask questions and interact directly with the speakers. To encourage interactions among the summer students, their lab mates, and mentors, social gatherings such as picnics and lunches are planned.

The 2008 Summer Program will run from **Monday, June 8 thru Friday, July 31, 2009**. Program details for 2009 are not yet set, but the 2008 stipend was \$3,200 and housing was provided in one of the University's dorms.

For additional information, questions, or an application form, please contact Brenda Kunkel at 319-335-7931, or e-mail @ brenda-kunkel@uiowa.edu, or you can print the pdf file of the application on our website and fill it out. The application can be found at: <http://www.biochem.uiowa.edu/SummerProgram/APPLI%20FORM%202008.pdf> .