Minnesota State Mankato Junior Awarded Mayo Clinic SURF

Minnesota State junior Raine Mitchell (Biomedical Sciences, ‘18) was recently awarded a summer undergraduate research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. Mitchell has the opportunity to work under the guidance of Mayo Clinic faculty as part of an ongoing research project. In addition to developing technical skills through research experiences, Mayo Clinic SURF fellows also participate in a special weekly seminar series, according to the Mayo Clinic SURF website.

During her time at Minnesota State, Mankato, Mitchell worked on an undergraduate research project titled Comparative Trematode Biota of Healthy Waterbirds Harvested from Lake Winnibigoshish Minnesota under the leadership of Dr. Robert Sorensen.

Mitchell was inspired to pursue this research experience because parasite host interactions, especially those that modify the behavior of the host, fascinate her. Mitchell wants to pursue a Ph.D. and a career in neurobiology.

Mitchell is currently involved in Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta) National Biological Honor Society.

Mitchell utilized resources in the Office of University Fellowships and the Biomedical Sciences Program in her pursuit of this award.

For more information on the Office of University Fellowships at Minnesota State Mankato, see www.mnsu.edu/fellowships.

For more information on the Biomedical Sciences option at Minnesota State Mankato, see http://cset.mnsu.edu/biology/programs/ugrad/humanbio.html/.

For more information on Tri Beta, see http://cset.mnsu.edu/involvement/biol.html.

For more information on the Mayo Clinic SURF, see http://www.mayo.edu/mgs/programs/summer-undergraduate-research-fellowship.