

2015 ADVANCE Summer Institute Fellows



Jose Andrade Lopez

Biology

Hometown: Arvin, CA

Undergrad Institution: University of California, Berkeley

Undergrad Major: Integrative Biology

Graduation Year: 2013

Fun Fact: I can juggle



Hunter Boyce

Biomedical Informatics

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Undergrad Institution: University of California, San Diego

Undergrad Major: Bioinformatics

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I have performed in front of >30,000 people



Ariel Calderon

Immunology

Hometown: New York, NY

Undergrad Institution: Hunter College

Undergrad Major: Biological Sciences

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I briefly worked for a celebrity concierge service in the Empire State Building



Edgar Campbell

Chemical and Systems Biology

Hometown: Turlock, CA

Undergrad Institution: California State University Stanislaus

Undergrad Major: Biological Sciences

Graduation Year: 2013

Fun Fact: Once had my life saved by a sea turtle.



Sabrina Ergun

Biochemistry

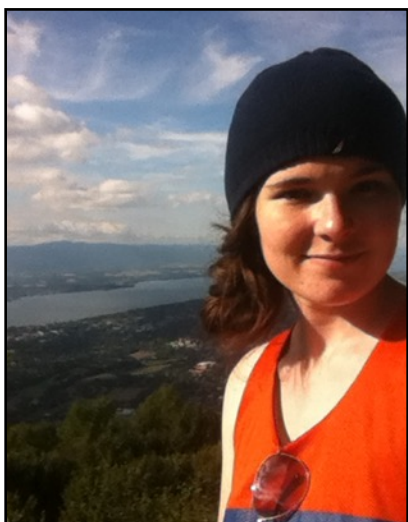
Hometown: Boulder, CO

Undergrad Institution: Brown University

Undergrad Major: Biochemistry

Graduation Year: 2014

Fun Fact: I've been to every continent except Antarctica



KC Farrell

Biology

Undergrad Institution: Princeton University

Undergrad Major: Molecular Biology

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I have never eaten a hamburger.



Phillip Fitzgerald

Microbiology and Immunology

Hometown: District Heights, MD

Undergrad Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Undergrad Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Graduation Year: 2011

Fun Fact: I want to write a novel or TV pilot one day and constantly jot down ideas for potential novels or TV shows.



Brittany Flowers

Cancer Biology

Hometown: Bristow, VA

Undergrad Institution: The College of William and Mary

Undergrad Major: Biology

Graduation Year: 2013

Fun Fact: When I was young, I scored a soccer goal with a broken arm. At the time I did not realize it was broken.



James Harden

Immunology

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

Undergrad Institution: Davidson College

Undergrad Major: Biology

Graduation Year: 2014

Fun Fact: Uhm...



Albert Hinman

Genetics

Hometown: Smithfield, Virginia

Undergrad Institution: Virginia Tech

Undergrad Major: Biological Sciences & Nanoscience

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: Within my immediate family we have five cats... what's interesting is that I'm not really a cat person.



Kyler Lugo

Microbiology and Immunology

Hometown: Elk Grove, CA

Undergrad Institution: University of California, Berkeley

Undergrad Major: Molecular Environmental Biology

Graduation Year: 2013

Fun Fact: Other people have said that I'm an awesome cook



Akua Nimarko

Neurosciences

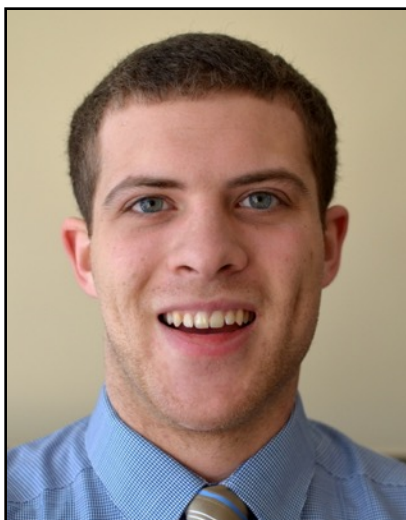
Hometown: Columbia, MD

Undergrad Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Undergrad Major: Biological Sciences and Psychology

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I just learned how to swim a year ago



Cameron Prybol

Genetics

Hometown: Athens, Georgia

Undergrad Institution: University of Georgia

Undergrad Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Graduation Year: 2014

Fun Fact: I ran a moth study in the Monteverde Cloud Forest of Costa Rica



Sergio Redondo

Biology

Hometown: Yuma, AZ

Undergrad Institution: University of Arizona

Undergrad Major: Biology

Graduation Year: 2013

Fun Fact: I love playing the Monopoly board game (no matter how long it takes)



Makeda Robinson

Microbiology and Immunology

Hometown: Long Beach, CA

Undergrad Institution: Johns Hopkins University

Undergrad Major: Public Health

Graduation Year: 2005

Fun Fact: I was born in the car



Zahra Sayyid

Neurosciences

Hometown: Fairfax, VA

Undergrad Institution: Stanford University

Undergrad Major: Biology

Graduation Year: 2012

Fun Fact: I'm scuba certified!



Nikki Teran

Genetics

Hometown: Ukiah, CA

Undergrad Institution: Yale University

Undergrad Major: Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I crochet geeky science toys -- pipetmen, fungal spores, tRNAs



Dorothy Tovar

Microbiology and Immunology

Hometown: Cambridge, MA

Undergrad Institution: University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Undergrad Major: Microbiology

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I've lived in another country



Edmundo Vides

Biochemistry

Hometown: Apple Valley, CA

Undergrad Institution: University of California, Los Angeles

Undergrad Major: Biochemistry

Graduation Year: 2013

Fun Fact: I use to be in a punk band.



Nora Vivanco Gonzalez

Immunology

Hometown: Reston, VA

Undergrad Institution: University of Chicago

Undergrad Major: Biological Sciences

Graduation Year: 2014

Fun Fact: It was really hard to choose just one hometown to name



Carl Wienecke

Biology

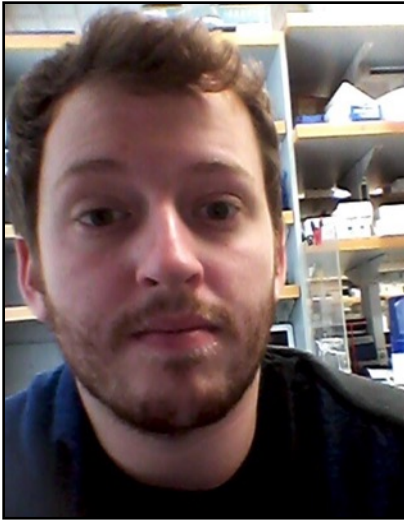
Hometown: Norman, OK

Undergrad Institution: Stanford University

Undergrad Major: Human Biology

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I compose music



Chase Wood

Molecular and Cellular Physiology

Hometown: Frankfort, KY

Undergrad Institution: Georgetown College

Undergrad Major: Biology

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: Spent a week camping/hiking in the Arivaca desert!



Jimmy Yu

Biophysics

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Undergrad Institution: Amherst College

Undergrad Majors: Mathematics, Chemistry

Graduation Year: 2015

Fun Fact: I own an arcade stick.