



Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology



UW-Madison Summer Program for Undergraduate Urology Research

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Summer Program for Undergraduate Urology Research (SPUUR) announces the 5th annual summer student research jamboree. The CAIRIBU Interactions Core, the coordinating center for the CAIRIBU research community, organizes and hosts the event.

Monday, July 28, 2025

Zoom, 1:00-3:30 PM EDT

(12-2:30 PM Central | 10-12:30 PM Pacific)

PROGRAM (times listed are in Eastern Time zone)

- 1:00 PM Welcome** **Kristina Penniston, PhD**, Distinguished Scientist, Department of Urology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Co-PI of the UW-Madison Summer Program for Undergraduate Urology Research, and PI of the CAIRIBU Interactions Core
- 1:05 PM Introduction** **Chad Vezina, PhD**, Professor and Chairman, Department of Comparative Biosciences, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, Co-PI of the UW-Madison Summer Program for Undergraduate Urology Research, and Co-Director of the UW-Madison Urology O'Brien Center



STUDENTS' PRESENTATIONS (times listed are in Eastern Time zone)

1:10 PM – Moderator, James Brooks, MD, Professor of Urology and PI, Stanford University Urology O'Brien Center

STUDENT	SUMMER INST	MENTOR
Molly Makori	UW-Madison	Alexis Adrian, PhD candidate (UW-Madison College of Letters & Science, Integrative Biology)
Valorie Tello	UW-Madison	Teresa Liu, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology)
Alex Jeon	Stanford University	Alexandra Polasko, PhD (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Urology)
Ejemen Idemudia	Stanford University	John Leppert, MD (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Urology)

*** Comments, Q&A.....

1:40 PM – Moderator, Johanna Hannan, PhD, Associate Professor and Scientist, UW-Madison Department of Urology

Emily Clevidence	UW-Madison	Matthew Grimes, MD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology) and Alejandro Roldán-Alzate, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Radiology and Cardiovascular Research Center)
Mira Katz-James	UW-Madison	LaTasha Crawford, VMD, PhD (UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Pathobiological Sciences)
Kiehmi Tazeh	UW-Madison	Kimberly Keil Stietz, PhD (UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Comparative Biosciences)
Jason Nguyen	UW-Madison	Lauren Baker, PhD, DVM (UW-Madison College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Animal & Dairy Sciences)
Fiona Chan	Stanford University	Vivek Bhalla, MD (Dept of Medicine-Nephrology) and Vivek Charu, MD, PhD (Dept of Pathology) (Stanford University School of Medicine)

*** Comments, Q&A.....

2:15 PM – Moderator, Nicole De Nisco, PhD, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, University of Texas Dallas

Malachi Clark	UW-Madison	Kristina Penniston, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology) and Michael Neugent, PhD (UT Dallas, Molecular and Cellular Biology)
Sarah Linh Do	Stanford University	Joseph Liao, MD (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Urology)
Samantha Ye	Columbia University	Nicholas Steers, PhD (Columbia University Medical Center, Division of Nephrology)
Yasmin Abdellatif	Stanford University	Alexandra Polasko, PhD (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Urology)

*** Comments, Q&A.....

2:45 PM – Moderator, Nicholas Steers, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medical Sciences, Columbia University

Anna Barrett	UW-Madison	Johanna Hannan, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology)
Ethan Reske	UW-Madison	Fei Zhao, PhD (UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Comparative Biosciences)
Olivia Zhu	UW-Madison	Chad Vezina, PhD (UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Comparative Biosciences)
James Cao	Stanford University	Susan Ziolkowski, MD (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Medicine-Nephrology)
Yunseo Jo	Stanford University	Calyani Ganesan MD, MS (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Medicine-Nephrology)

*** Comments, Q&A.....

3:20 PM Closing remarks **Alexandra Polasko, PhD**, Postdoctoral Fellow (Stanford University Urology O'Brien Center) and K12 Scholar (K12 Urology Research at Stanford (KUREs) Career Development Program)