



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 2026 annual summer student research jamboree. The CAIRIBU Interactions Core, the coordinating center for the CAIRIBU research community, organizes and hosts the event.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Zoom, 1:30-3:45 PM EDT

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

PROGRAM (times listed are in Eastern Time zone)

1:30 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



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

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STUDENT	SUMMER INST	MENTOR(S)
Aryan Ghotra	Columbia University	Jonathan Barasch, MD, PhD (Columbia University Medical Center, Division of Nephrology)
Sarah Altabakha	UW-Madison	Chad Vezina, PhD (UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Comparative Biosciences)
Alex Jeon	Stanford University	Alexandra Polasko, PhD (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Urology)
Elena Ricke	UW-Madison	Joan Neuner, MD, MPH (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Medicine)

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

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Eugene Miller	Columbia University	Anne-Catrin Uhlemann, MD, PhD (Columbia University Medical Center, Division of Infectious Diseases)
Grace Booher	UW-Madison	Johanna Hannan, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology)
Arin Vansomphone	Stanford University	Alexandra Polasko, PhD (Stanford University School of Medicine, Dept of Urology)
Abby Robson	UW-Madison	Lauren Baker, PhD, DVM (UW-Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Animal & Dairy Sciences)

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Morgan Grant	Columbia University	Anne-Catrin Uhlemann, MD, PhD (Columbia University Medical Center, Division of Infectious Diseases)
Arna Dhar	UW-Madison	William Ricke, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology), Andrea Putnam, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Biomolecular Chemistry)
Ilse Ness	UW-Madison	Kim Stietz, PhD (UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Comparative Biosciences)
Jonah Yoon	UW-Madison	Lauren Baker, PhD, DVM (UW-Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Animal & Dairy Sciences)

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Akhil Nelapolu	UW-Madison	William Ricke, PhD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology), Cody Wenthur, PharmD, PhD (UW-Madison School of Pharmacy)
Karina Tapia	UW-Madison	Vinaya Bhatia, MD (UW School of Medicine & Public Health, Dept of Urology)
Rachel Ireland	UW-Madison	LaTasha Crawford, PhD, VMD, DACVP (UW School of Veterinary Medicine, Dept of Pathobiological Sciences)

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3:35 PM Closing remarks