



College of Pharmacy

March 10, 2023

Nora Sypkens  
University of Kentucky

Dear Nora,

I am pleased to inform you have been selected to receive a 2023 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) in the College of Pharmacy.

The [ASPET](#)-sponsored SURF program is a pre-doctoral fellowship that runs for the 10-week period of June 5, 2023 through August 11, 2023. You will work on an independent research project in the laboratory of your faculty mentor, Dr. Andrew Riley. Before beginning work, you are required to attend relevant laboratory safety training. In addition to individual mentoring, the program offers a number of enrichment activities. A detailed program schedule will be distributed before the beginning of the program.

As a SURF Fellow, you will receive a summer award appointment with a total stipend of \$5,000 paid over the award period. This income is a fellowship and therefore not taxed, and as a SURF fellow you are not eligible for UIC benefits. As a condition of the fellowship award, recipients agree to pursue ten (10) consecutive weeks of research training during the period specified above and hold no other university or external jobs. Contact your mentor during the last week of May for details about your arrival to campus on June 5.

If you are not already living in the Chicagoland area your round-trip travel to/from Chicago at the beginning/end of the summer will be covered by the UIC College of Pharmacy. Please contact Program Coordinator Dr. Lindsey McQuade ([lmcquade@uic.edu](mailto:lmcquade@uic.edu)) *before* purchasing your ticket on how to proceed in order that the cost is covered. All students participating in on-campus activities will be required to follow current COVID-related campus safety guidelines.

If you accept the terms of the 2023 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, please return one signed copy of this award letter by March 30, 2023 to Ms. Sheryl Wilder by e-mail at [swilder@uic.edu](mailto:swilder@uic.edu), Associate Director of Human Resources, so that your fellowship appointment may be processed. Please copy Program Coordinator Dr. Lindsey McQuade ([lmcquade@uic.edu](mailto:lmcquade@uic.edu)) on your reply.

On behalf of Associate Dean for Research, Dr. Burdette and the SURF Selection Committee, I heartily congratulate you on your successful application and selection as a SURF Pre-Doctoral Fellow and wish you success in your research project.

Sincerely,

Jim Wang, PhD

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Date: 3/19/23

2023 SURF Pre-Doctoral Fellow

cc. Dr. Andrew Riley  
Dr. Joanna Burdette  
Ms. Sheryl Wilder