

# Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship Award Available in 2009

Do you have undergraduate students in your laboratory conducting research? Do you know undergraduates who are considering graduate school and want to know more about research? If so, the APS Foundation's undergraduate research award, the Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship, is now available, and we want you to consider having your students apply. Full details are available at [www.apsnet.org/foundation/apsundergrad.asp](http://www.apsnet.org/foundation/apsundergrad.asp).

In 2008, two outstanding undergraduates were selected as award recipients of this fellowship. **Alicia Owens**, Iowa State University, was awarded for her project "Developing a PCR-based assay for detection of *Erwinia tracheiphila* in striped cucumber beetle." **Rachel Zoe Blumhagen**, Western Washington University, was awarded for her project "Loop-mediated isothermal amplification for rapid low-cost detection of aflatoxin genes." Both students plan to present the results of their research at APS meetings in 2009.

If you have students who could benefit from the support of the Frank L. Howard Undergraduate Fellowship, we encourage you to notify them about this opportunity. The application is not involved or complicated and it is an excellent opportunity for you to mentor an undergraduate in the basics of research. The student must write a cover letter describing their academic and career goals and a proposal concerning their proposed work (no more than three pages). Other components to be included in the package are a copy of the student's academic transcript (this can be an unofficial copy) and a letter from a faculty sponsor indicating their willingness to supervise and provide resources for the project. One award of \$1,000 is available for 2009. The sponsor or student should plan to present the results of their research at a regional or national APS meeting following completion of the research. Six copies of the application package are **due January 23, 2009**, and should be sent to the contact below.

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