

Prior to coming to work to Dr. Li's lab, I was simply very intimidated by scientific research. However, I have learned that I am capable of more than I thought. In the short time that I have been working with Dr. Li and her postdoctoral associate Long Pan, I have been able to apply almost all of the theory that I have picked up in many years of science classes. I have also learned more in this short time than I have in those years. This work has to understand the virtue of patience and that I should never overlook any result, regardless if it seems unworthy. This is something that will be important in my future as a physician, especially if I choose to do clinical research. Of course, contributing to two papers has been valuable in that they boost my confidence as a scientist and as a communicator. This opportunity to experience research has been invaluable on a multitude of levels.