

My name is Vina Le-Uyen Le. I came from Vietnam. I am a sophomore who is pursuing a BA degree in chemistry at Rutgers University. The person who gave me many thoughts in my decision to pursue chemistry major is my uncle, Dr. Tinh Nguyen, a chemistry professor in France. The second person who also encouraged me a lot to choose this major is my brother who will finish his BS degree in chemical engineering in summer. Of course, I myself have the biggest effect in this decision. I started to enjoy learning science especially chemistry since I was in high school and have loved chemistry ever since. I have just begun to do research with Dr. Jing Li this winter. My project deals mostly with inorganic chemistry. I am learning how to use solvothermal method to grow single crystals of new ternary chalcogenides and how to study their optical and thermal properties after the structures of these new materials are analyzed. I find what I am getting into is a very interesting world!