Patricia A. DeLeon Undergraduate Research Award.

This award honors the legacy of Prof. Patricia A. DeLeon – an extraordinary researcher, teacher, and mentor in the Department of Biological Sciences. Among Dr. DeLeon's many important contributions to science was her commitment to the advancement of students from groups underrepresented in higher education, and her efforts to promote their success in careers in science or medicine.

This award keeps those ideals alive by providing financial support for a full-time 10-week summer research experience to undergraduate biology majors from groups historically underrepresented in graduate education. The recipient of this award will engage in hands-on, cutting-edge research in a laboratory in the Department of Biological Sciences. This experience will help advance students towards careers in science or medicine by granting them the opportunity to learn research techniques, gain problem-solving and communication skills, network with students and faculty, and make new scientific discoveries. The student will receive a \$4,000 stipend and will be assisted in selecting a research laboratory after receiving the award.

Eligibility:

• Must be a freshman, sophomore, or junior at the time of application

• Must be from a background underrepresented in higher education; or a student who is defined as low-income by the U.S. Department of Education; or a first generation college student.

Application:

1. Resume/CV by e-mail to Dr. Ramona Neunuebel at <u>neunr@udel.edu</u>

2. Complete student application form.

3. A <u>nomination form</u> completed by faculty, academic advisor, or mentor is strongly recommended. Selfnominations are accepted.

The award will be presented at our department's convocation each year. Please consider nominating a qualifying student you're advising or mentoring. The **deadline** is **April 3rd**, .