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Medical student wins NIH scholarship

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It has been a heady year for Philippe Bishop, a fourth-year student at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. This summer he completed a 12-month stint working with the nation's top scientists and has now been singled out to receive a National Institutes of Health (NIH) \$25,000 scholarship for tuition for his final year of training at the medical school. He also has received a three-year fellowship to continue his training in oncology at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) after he earns his medical degree and completes an internal medicine residency.

Bishop was one of only 36 U.S. medical students who were selected last year to study with the combined Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)/NIH Research Scholars Program. HHMI is the nation's largest private biomedical research foundation and NIH is the research arm of the U.S. government.

After his year's study, Bishop presented his findings at the Mary Woodward Lasker Center in Bethesda, and the findings of the entire group were presented at a conference in Israel. He studied the virus that causes adult T-cell leukemia. As a result, he and 15 of his fellow student researchers were invited to apply for the scholarship. Bishop was one of five students selected for the scholarship because of his interest in cancer research.