

Med school student is chosen for NIH - HHMI research program

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For the second time in two years, a student from the University of Nevada School of Medicine has been chosen to participate in the Health Research Scholars Program (Cloister Program) sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the National Institutes of Health.

Third-year student Dennis Small is one of 41 students chosen from 166 applicants, representing 77 medical schools for appointment to the Class of 1994-95. According to Dr. Donald H. Harter, director of the program, "The selection process involved a comprehensive review of the submitted written application and supporting documents, followed by individual interviews of selected applicants."

Student scholars are each assigned a senior scientist at NIH as an advisor, who makes recommendations about possible laboratories and preceptors to the student for selection based on his or her research interests. During the year, students have access to NIH laboratories and scientists, as well as having the opportunity to attend numerous lectures, seminars and presentations on research-related topics which are presented frequently by NIH investigators and visiting scientists.