

## 2006-2007 MIE-STEM FACULTY MINI-GRANTS

### 2006-2007 STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT

“Elucidating the Evolution of Alternative Spliced Exons within the Arthropod Lineage of the DSCAM Family”

**The Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR):** How did you find out about working on this research proposal?

**Danielle Matthews (DM):** I was able to meet one of the research participants at the Festival of Scholars and learned all about their work. It was then when I knew I was interested in working on this proposal.

**CUR:** What is your contribution to this proposal?

**DM:** Right now I am still in the beginning phases so I am learning about the things that they have already done. As of right now, I am working on starting some generations and learning about their importance.

**CUR:** How does this proposal fit into your academic and social schedule?

**DM:** It fits well into my academic and social schedule, while still allowing me to gain a better understanding of the materials in my current classes.

**CUR:** Will this proposal assist you in your future academic/or career plans? If so, explain.

**DM:** Yes, this proposal will assist me in my future career plans because I have a strong interest in research and I plan to do research when I obtain my pharmacy degree.

**CUR:** Do you have any recommendations for future student assistants who will work in a similar field?

**DM:** Just take advantage of the opportunity because it has been a great experience for me.



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