Laboratory for Tissue Engineering and Drug Delivery
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Policy Regarding Undergraduate Research Opportunities (BIM199)
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Due to the demand for research opportunities and the steep learning curve associated with the type of research we perform, this new policy has been initiated. Students interested in conducting research in the lab should follow this policy and contact Professor Leach (jkleach@ucdavis.edu) for further information.

1. Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA and have completed at least one year at UCD.
2. Undergraduate students must commit to at least 2 consecutive quarters of 199 credit (minimum 2-4 credit hours/quarter, with 1 credit equal to 4 hours of research).
3. Undergraduate students will no longer have truly independent research projects. They will work under the close supervision of a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow. Of course, they will still need to be capable of independent work and thought.
4. Prior to beginning hands-on experiments, STUDENTS MUST PREPARE A HYPOTHESIS-DRIVEN RESEARCH PLAN (minimum of 2 double-spaced pages). The student should be familiar with the current literature and experimental techniques (via PubMed or another search engine). This research plan should be presented to the supervising grad student/post-doc fellow and then to Prof. Leach sometime before commencing actual experiments.
5. Undergraduate students should make every effort to attend group meetings and, if possible, adjust their class schedule accordingly. ALL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS MUST MAKE ONE FORMAL PRESENTATION AT GROUP MEETING DURING THEIR TWO-QUARTER EXPERIENCE.