

Student wins scholarship, internship, employment

SCSU senior biochemistry major Allissa Dillman has won a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship that carries an award of \$20,000 for 2006-07, a paid research training position at the NIH next summer and the promise of a minimum year of employment at the NIH in Bethesda, Md.

Dillman has been conducting research with her advisor, SCSU Chemistry Professor Lakshmaiah Sreerama, for the last two years. Together they've discovered at least three different forms of a gene important in protecting skin and eyes from UV light damage, heavy metals toxicity and many carcinogens and in cancer chemotherapy.