During the summer program, Natalie researched the role of diet in MWCNT-induced inflammation, as modulated by epigenetics, to improve understanding of lung disease development and risk.

Natalie Alvarez
SOT Recipient
Clemson University, South Carolina

For the third year in a row, the SOT has been a partner in the CEHS Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) funded by NIEHS. The Society of Toxicology (SOT)’s program gives partial funding to support undergraduate summer research. This year, Natalie Alvarez has been awarded this SOT support.
science. The Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP), is part of a national program to attract and train undergraduates to research careers in the environmental health sciences.

The Center’s SURP ten-week summer program presents extraordinary opportunities to learn from expert mentors about the philosophy and practice of conducting current biomedical research, in the Center’s state-of-the-art laboratories. Guest seminar lectures and presentations by graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and staff provide SURP students with personal experiences in biomedical research. In addition, students gain key skills to help them successfully apply to graduate programs in environmental health science, the biomedical sciences, and other related fields.

Currently in its ninth year, undergraduate students in the SURP program have come from universities around the country; examples include Gonzaga, Washington State University, Stanford University, Purdue University, University of Massachusetts - Lowell, Notre Dame University and University of Texas at Dallas.

Current undergraduate students with a strong interest in science and excellent grades are encouraged to apply by January 15, annually.

January 15, 2018. Applications received after January 15 will be considered only if slots are still available. Please e-mail CEHS at cehs@mso.umt.edu.

The University of Montana is located in beautiful Missoula, Montana and integrates an enriching educational experience with easy access to outstanding recreational activities including hiking, fly fishing, and camping and is located near Glacier National Park. For more information about Missoula and the surrounding region, please visit www.destinationmissoula.org.

The friendly, collaborative nature of the faculty emphasizes one-on-one faculty-student interactions. Our SURP students have been highly successful with a number of manuscripts being generated. In addition, SURP students have won top awards at end of summer conferences representing students from various summer programs campus-wide and have been recipients of Society of Toxicology scholarships. We encourage you to view past project descriptions and posters on our website.

CEHS is supported by CBRE Phase II Award from the National Institute of Health, grant number 1R35GM103338.