

All “eyes” on success of talented student

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The words are stated clearly on the Ohio State Biomedical Engineering website: “Students should be prepared to develop an intensive work ethic.” For one undergraduate individual, it was exactly that type of commitment and hard work that earned her the opportunity of a lifetime.

Margaret Cron is a third year student in Ohio State’s biomedical engineering program – one of only 75 that are admitted each year. If that’s not enough a feat, the OSA Foundation recently named her the 2014 recipient of the Paul Anthony Bonenfant Memorial Scholarship. This award will allow Cron to partake in a 6-week study abroad program in China, where she will be conducting research for use in ocular imaging devices.



Margaret Cron, a junior at OSU

Focusing on the field of ophthalmology, Cron has worked alongside Associate Professor Ronald Xu at Ohio State. She looks forward to the international experience, saying that she “wanted to be immersed in a culture that [she] doesn’t know much about.”

Cron has certainly demonstrated that she knows quite a bit about the ophthalmology field. The Scholarship committee was impressed by her abilities and is confident that she will be successful in her research during her time abroad.

“Performing research in China will allow me to learn more within the biomedical optics field from many other students and professionals,” Cron says.

The Ohio State University is a research institution, and prides itself on the achievements of students like Margaret Cron. She met the Bonenfant Scholarship’s rigorous criteria, and is now on her way to making large impacts in her field. With thousands of students spread across countless majors and programs at OSU, the accomplishments of such promising individuals can easily go undetected. Perhaps these are the students who will go on to best represent the university’s mission and investment in higher knowledge. Cron certainly has the means to aim high.

Meanwhile, her next step is recognition at an awards ceremony in San Francisco; well-deserved, of course, but a minute adventure in comparison to her upcoming overseas travels. Her experiences will be available for following via a personal blog on the OSA Foundation website.

Visit www.osa.org/foundation for more information about the OSA Foundation and the Paul Anthony Bonenfant Memorial Scholarship.