

**Introducing the
2019 Summer Research Program Student Cohort!
Aging & Neurological Diseases Track**



Chidera Agwu – *Saint Louis University*

I am a neuroscience major with a minor in biology on the pre-med track. I am from Denver, Colorado and I currently attend Saint Louis University. I have been interested in this field since I was in high school and I am eager to do research on this topic.



Zainab Ali – *Saint Louis University*

I am a rising senior at Saint Louis University. I am currently majoring in Public Health with a minor in Psychology. After completing my undergraduate degree, I plan on pursuing a master's degree in Occupation Therapy. I am honored to have the opportunity to participate in the Center for Aging's Summer Research Program at the Institute for Public Health. I believe this program will allow me to connect my public health background with my future career goals as an occupational therapist. I will be working with Dr. Earhart to study the impact neurological diseases have on movement.



Gabriella Cornejo – *Washington University in St. Louis*

I am from Los Angeles, California and I am currently an undergraduate student at Washington University in St. Louis. I am studying Cognitive Neuroscience with a minor in Computer Science. I enjoy sharing my passion for neuroscience by volunteering at middle schools to teach them neuroscience topics through the Synapse Neuroscience Club, and I am looking forward to gaining an international experience in her field of study by participating in a research team abroad in London next year. In my free time, I enjoy swimming, traveling, and watching science fiction movies.



Keersten Heinrich – *Lindenwood University*

I am a rising senior at Lindenwood University, where I am majoring in Psychology with minors in Coaching, Health and Wellness, and Strength and Conditioning. While at Lindenwood, I've taken part in several undergraduate team research studies that focused in time perception and stress. After graduation, I plan to pursue master's degrees in professional counseling and sport psychology, with the goal of eventually obtaining a doctorate in sport psychology.

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Hannah Holmes – *Harris-Stowe State University*

I am a rising sophomore from Memphis, Tennessee. I am a Biology Pre-Med major at Harris-Stowe State University. I am interested in pursuing a career as a neurosurgeon and doing research on neurological diseases.



Isabelle Martin – *Lindenwood University*

I am a junior at Lindenwood University with a psychology and sociology double major and a nonprofit administration minor. I'm from Atlanta, Illinois, which is a small town about two and a half hours north of St. Louis. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, hiking, hammocking, and exploring all the different parts of St. Louis.



Asia Parson – *Washington University in St. Louis*

I am a rising second-year student at Washington University interested in psychology. I am originally from St. Louis and I have been involved in many volunteer and community service activities, including founding an Animation Club. I will be working with Professor Brian Carpenter in the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences.



Haylie Santos – *Saint Louis University*

I am a junior Communication Sciences and Disorders major and Special Education minor at Saint Louis University. My interests include adult and geriatric populations as well as minority populations and their cognitive decline due to nutrition and dietetics. I was born in the Philippines and adopted at the age of 1 year old. This experience sparked my continued interest in immigrated, minority populations and their mental health. In the future, I plan to obtain my doctorate degree and continue my research with a focus on immigrated minority populations' cognitive health in relation to their environmental changes.

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Kayla Thomas – *Missouri Baptist University*

I am a senior at Missouri Baptist University, and I am pursuing a major in health sciences and a minor in psychology. After graduation, I plan to attend graduate school to obtain a master's degree in Public Health in order to pursue a career in research and public health education. Outside of school, I enjoy traveling, being outdoors, and playing with animals.



Kendall Werhane – *Saint Louis University*

I am from a small northern suburb of Chicago. I am a current Junior at Saint Louis University studying Communication Sciences & Disorders; I also have a minor in Psychology. My aspiring career goal is to become a practicing Audiologist in a hospital. I would really enjoy doing research in the field of Audiology in my future career. I am currently a research assistant in a Cognitive Psychology lab at school, a member of Greek life, and the VP of the SLU club lacrosse team.



Steven Yoon – *University of Missouri - Columbia*

I am a rising senior at the University of Missouri-Columbia studying Biology and Psychology with a Neurobiology emphasis on a Pre-Med track. I first became interested in aging research when I was able to shadow a geriatric psychiatrist my junior year over spring break.