



2017 Department of Biology Awards

IVAN G. PALMBLAD SCHOLARSHIP

My Nguyen, Biology

I am almost reach my goal to finish my biology degree, but my ultimate goal is to get into nursing program. I choose biology major because I love learning more about living organisms, the interaction between species and the environment, and will prepare me for my nursing school. This goal proves to be an ambitious challenge, but I believe I can achieve it through my perseverance and love for learning in my undergraduate studies. Utah State University offers numerous opportunities for undergraduate students to get involved in research, one of them being Dr. Tim Gilbertson's laboratory. Since my freshman year, I have been fortunate enough to work under Dr. Gilbertson and a graduate student. I have found it rewarding working in Dr. Gilbertson's laboratory for the past three years. I am also volunteering at the Logan Regional Hospital in the operating room. I have gained experience working with patients; this has been a good opportunity for me to understand how the hospital works. Receiving this scholarship will advance my academic career and will provide me an important financial support that will allow me to obtain the additional education necessary. The college provides many opportunities and teaches valuable life lessons that would surely prepare a bright future ahead of me.