

2020 Department of Biology Awards

JAMES MOHR SCHOLARSHIP

Brittany Grob, Biology



My name is Brittany Grob, and I grew up as the second of seven children in sunny St. George, Utah. I first fell in love with genetics in my fifth-grade science class when we learned about inheritable traits, and I knew then that I wanted to study biology. I transferred to Utah State University from Smith College (Northampton, MA) with the intent to complete a Bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Psychology. During my time at USU in Logan, I have been involved as a member of the Aggie Marching Band, and have spent a great deal of time outdoors—two of my favorite nonacademic activities. After

graduating in May 2021, I plan to continue on to obtain a Master's degree in genetic counseling and join the workforce in that capacity. I have been working as an Undergraduate Research Assistant under the direction of Dr. Justin A. Jones since March 2019, where I have participated in research projects involving spider silk and hagfish slime proteins. My role in the Jones Laboratory has increased my understanding of the scientific process and provided me with invaluable experience. I have also been volunteering as a Crisis Counselor with Crisis Text Line since June 2019, and have learned and grown more personally in that position than any other. I look forward to combining my passion for helping people with my love of biology and the life sciences in my future career.