

University of Mississippi

eGrove

University of Mississippi News

6-16-2021

UM Student Selected for Medicinal Botany Fellowship

Patrick Smith

Follow this and additional works at: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews>

Recommended Citation

Smith, Patrick, "UM Student Selected for Medicinal Botany Fellowship" (2021). *University of Mississippi News*. 6310.

<https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews/6310>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by eGrove. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Mississippi News by an authorized administrator of eGrove. For more information, please contact egrove@olemiss.edu.

UM Student Selected for Medicinal Botany Fellowship

Hayley Prescott's research seeks to improve women's health

JUNE 16, 2021 BY PATRICK SMITH

FaTvLiErCcSMPrSt

OXFORD, Miss. – Hayley Prescott, a graduate student in the **Department of BioMolecular Sciences** at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, has been named a recipient of the Anne S. Chatham Fellowship in Medicinal Botany by the Garden Club of America.

The fellowship, established in 1997, is administered by the Missouri Botanical Garden. Prescott received the award for her project "Botanical Aphrodisiacs for Women's Health." She was awarded one annual \$4,500 grant that will allow her to continue her research on the subject.

"While at the University of Mississippi, I have been focused on botanical aphrodisiacs and their applications in women's health, specifically in female sexual dysfunctions," said Prescott, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences. "I have always been interested in the 'why and how' behind herbal medicine – why these plants have been used for all of this time and how they work."

Prescott credited her adviser, Ikhlas Khan, director of the **National Center for Natural Products Research** and distinguished professor of pharmacognosy, for encouraging her to find research projects that inspire her.

"Dr. Khan is an atypical adviser in that he let me have the freedom to pursue a project I was interested in and passionate about, and I am very appreciative of that," Prescott said. "He has always led from a place of wanting us students to be independent in order to benefit our future careers."

Khan praised Prescott's ambition and creativity as both a researcher and student.

"Hayley has always been a free thinker and not afraid of handling challenging tasks, and her topic of research depicts that," Khan said. "She is fun to work with, and I've been happy to have her as a group member."

Prescott also cited Nicole Ashpole, UM assistant professor of pharmacology, as an important mentor and example to follow.

"Part of me wants to say that having a strong female mentor is extremely important in my development as a young scientist, but she is so much more than that limiting label," Prescott said. "Dr. Ashpole is by far one of the best and hardest-working mentors, leaders and scientists that we have here at the University of Mississippi."

Prescott plans to put her education in action, as she has an interest in policy work around dietary supplements or being hands-on through community work.

"I started off very doe-eyed, wanting to change the world with my research and my degree," Prescott said. "But the starting and end goal has really been the same, and that is my desire to help people."

 FILED UNDER: **NEWS RELEASES, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**



Hayley Prescott

Follow us on social



Campus Briefs

Students Learn 'Real Politics' in Washington, D.C., Winter Session

OXFORD, Miss. – Eleven University of Mississippi students spent their winter break learning about the people who work behind the scenes of the American government in Washington, D.C. Lead by Jonathan Klingler, assistant professor of political science, the students of Pol 391: Applied Politics met not with candidates, but with the people who make candidates'

[Read the story ...](#)

[More Posts from this Category](#)

Thank You To Our Donors

Young Alumna Gives Back to School of Accountancy

OXFORD, Miss. – Stephanie Jennings Teague, of Chicago, sees her commitment of \$100,000 to the Patterson School of Accountancy's new building at the University of Mississippi as a means of saying "thank you." "It is a way to show a small token of my appreciation to Ole Miss, the faculty and staff, and the accounting

[Read the story ...](#)

[More Posts from this Category](#)

Ole Miss In the News

Reuters: Keep an Eye on the Money Supply

U.S. inflation roller coaster prompts fresh look at long-ignored money supply By Michael S. Derby NEW YORK – The amount of money sloshing around the U.S. economy shrank last year for the first time on record, a development that some economists believe bolsters the case for U.S. inflation pressures continuing to abate. The Federal Reserve's

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category

[Return to top of page](#)

Copyright © 2023 · [The University of Mississippi](#)