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Annual CCBN Summer Student Symposium highlights undergraduate research

All summer long, undergraduate students have been toiling away behind closed doors as they work on research projects in labs at the University of Lethbridge's Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience (CCBN).

As the end of summer approaches, they are ready to tell the world, — well, their friends, fellow researchers and family, anyway — what they've been working on the past few months.

In the past, student presentations have showcased a diversity of research projects, such as the effect of paternal alcohol exposure using a rodent model, how hummingbirds navigate their worlds, and how social behaviour is programmed across generations.

"Every summer we have quite a few undergraduate students and they are doing some amazing work. It is really gratifying for them to present their work," says Artur Luczak, a symposium organizer and neuroscience professor. "The U of L is doing well in providing undergraduate research opportunities and our neuroscience department is leading the way. These opportunities can be life-changing for students and influence their educational decisions."

More than 20 students have registered to participate in the annual CCBN Summer Student Symposium scheduled for Thursday beginning at 10 a.m. in the CCBN seminar room EP1201. The presentations will be judged and awards given to the top projects. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Media are advised to come around 12:30 p.m. if they would like to speak to an organizer and students.

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