



UNCF (UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND) and VAN ANDEL EDUCATION INSTITUTE (VAEI) are working together to recruit and train the next generation of researchers in the biomedical sciences, specifically in the cellular, molecular, and genetic biology of human disease.

- > Van Anadel Institute reserves at least two new paid internships per year for students from UNCF member institutions or historically black colleges and universities.
- > VAIGS is committed to active recruitment at national conferences for undergraduates from UNCF-associated institutions, and to participation at regional or national conferences supporting young research scholars from typically underrepresented populations.

“Van Anadel Institute currently has scientists, post-doctoral fellows, and students from more than twenty nations working in its labs,” said VAEI Director and VAIGS Dean Steven J. Triezenberg, Ph.D. “We are a very diverse institute whose only selection and hiring criteria are those of excellence and the ability to speak the common language of science. We welcome and celebrate further diversity.”

For more information, visit www.vai.org or call: the VAIGS office at: (616) 234-5708

UNCF

UNCF (United Negro College Fund) plays a critical role in enabling more than 60,000 students each year to attend college. To live up to the ideal expressed in UNCF’s universally-recognized motto, “A mind is a terrible thing to waste,”[®] UNCF helps students go to and through college by:

- > Awarding more than 10,000 scholarships each year through 400 scholarship and internship programs so that students from low-and moderate-income families can afford college tuition, books and room and board.
- > Providing operating funds for its 38 member colleges and universities, all of them private institutions that offer a small-college experience at tuitions that average 30 percent less than those at comparable institutions.
- > Serving as a national advocate for the importance of all Americans receiving a rigorous academic education that begins in preschool and continues through college graduation.

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The experience, mentoring and financial support you need for a career in biomedical research



The UNCF - Van Anadel Institute
Biomedical Research Education Initiative



THE UNCF - VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EDUCATION INITIATIVE is an outstanding opportunity for both undergraduate students interested in obtaining essential paid laboratory research experience, and college graduates interested in pursuing a unique Ph.D. program in the cellular, molecular, and genetic biology of human disease.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AT TWO DISTINCT PHASES IN THEIR CAREER

- > **The Van Andel Institute Graduate School (VAIGS) Summer Internship Program** is a paid internship program that provides undergraduate college students the opportunity to be mentored by professionals in their chosen research field and to expose themselves to exciting advances in biomedical sciences to define their career paths.
- > **The Van Andel Institute Graduate School (VAIGS)** is a unique Ph.D. program in cellular, molecular, and genetic biology of human disease. All students admitted to VAIGS are supported by full five-year fellowships, including tuition waiver, stipend, health and life insurance, conference travel, and a computer. VAIGS' innovative problem-based curriculum leads students to a strong foundation in core concepts and experimental design by simulating how scientists approach new research questions.

VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE

Van Andel Institute (VAI) is committed to improving the health and enhancing the lives of current and future generations through disease research and science education. Cancer research is VAI's primary focus, but studies branch out into other diseases such as osteoporosis, Parkinson's, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. VAI's facilities offer abundant natural light, an open laboratory layout to encourage collaboration, a library and cafeteria, and a neighboring park. VAI is on Grand Rapids' "Medical Mile," surrounded by hospitals, universities, and other life science organizations.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

VAI Graduate School is located in downtown Grand Rapids, MI. Situated on the banks of the Grand River, Grand Rapids offers residents a myriad of recreational and cultural options – a symphony orchestra, several theatres, museums, eclectic restaurants, a convention center, and an arena/entertainment venue. Michigan's west coast is less than an hour away. Affordable housing, award-winning schools and dynamic employment opportunities have helped attract an international workforce. Greater Grand Rapids is the western anchor of a life science research and resource corridor that stretches south to Kalamazoo and east to Detroit.

