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**Central High School Senior  
Conduct Research at the  
Belin-Blank Program, University of Iowa**

*Davenport, Iowa*-Central High School senior, Mickey Sloat, was selected for the Secondary Student Training Program (SSTP), a five and a half week summer research program at the University of Iowa. She conducted research studying fruit flies in connection with epilepsy and cancer under the guidance of her University of Iowa mentor, Dr. Manak.

Students in the SSTP follow a 40-hour per week research schedule with planned study sessions along with group study sessions and community service projects. During the final week of the program, all students present the results of their research project to other SSTP participants, faculty, and research staff. Ms. Sloat also wrote a formal abstract summarizing her research.

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