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## UWF student wins selective National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship

**Pensacola, Fla. – April 26, 2016** – Gabriela Cintron – a University of West Florida junior, majoring in psychology – was recently named a National Institute of Mental Health Summer Fellow.

The 10-week program is held at the Florida Mental Health Institute, located on the campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida, and takes place June 2 through Aug. 2. Under the direction of a faculty mentor, Cintron will conduct research about treatment for childhood abuse and trauma.



“I encouraged Gaby to apply for the fellowship because she was an outstanding student in my social psychology class,” said Dr. Jane Halonen of the UWF psychology department. “I thought her energy level and academic skills suited the particulars of this opportunity.”

Students from across the country applied for the fellowship’s 10 slots. Cintron said she is honored to represent UWF in this distinguished program.

“I’m excited to become involved in the world of research,” she explained. “I hope to apply the knowledge I gain in the summer here at UWF in the fall.”

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