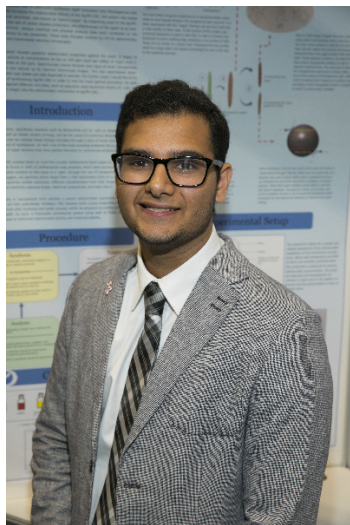


CWSF 2017 - Regina, Saskatchewan



Danish Baig

Bio-friendly Antimicrobial Replacement to 2017 FDA Banned Drugs: Silver NP/CNC

Challenge: Innovation

Category: Senior

Region: Waterloo-Wellington

City: Waterloo, ON

School: Waterloo Collegiate Institute

Abstract: The goal of this project was to develop a stable antimicrobial system offering an advantage over current commercial systems in the form of silver nanoparticles on cellulose nanocrystals (CNC). The FDA recently, just in 2017, banned 19 drugs found in antibacterial soaps for environmental concerns. I concluded that my synthesized system offers stability and the same antimicrobial performance, allowing it to be a replacement chemical.

Biography

My name is Danish Baig and I live in Waterloo, Ontario. I attend Waterloo Collegiate Institute, a school that in our region is known for excellent math and science programs. Apart from working hard in classes, I enjoy playing football on the city and school team as well as rocking out with my cello in the school orchestra. My inspiration for this project came from discussions I had with my mentors, Fatima Awan and Dr. Michael Tam. I learned that the best way to develop an idea is to consider some criteria you want to meet first. I had to ask myself, can it be commercialized? Am I doing something new? Is it "cool"? And finally, am I interested in what I'm doing? As for advice I would give students considering a project: it doesn't matter if you fail because you've simply found a way that doesn't work. Trial and error are the bread and butter of scientists so do not be afraid to mess up. However, you should understand that time is against you and you need to make the most of it by practicing thorough organization along with planning.

Awards

Value

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