

Dr. David Shintani

2007 Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor



The Office of Undergraduate Research recently announced the selection of Dr. David Shintani, an Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources, as the first recipient of the newly established Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award. With support from the Office of Vice President for Research, this award aims at recognizing the dedication and enthusiasm of faculty who include undergraduate researchers in their research projects. More information about the award is posted at

<http://www.unr.edu/undergraduateresearch/OURFMaward.html>

Dr. Shintani was selected because of his extensive and high quality undergraduate research mentorship and his ability to motivate a large number of students through research. Nine biochemistry undergraduate researchers are currently working under his supervision, and he has mentored another 22 since moving to UNR. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Michigan State University. Dr. Shintani is an Associate Professor of Biochemistry and has been at UNR since 2000. His research focus is on plant metabolic engineering. He was recently appointed the Director of the combined B.S/M.S. degree program in Biotechnology.