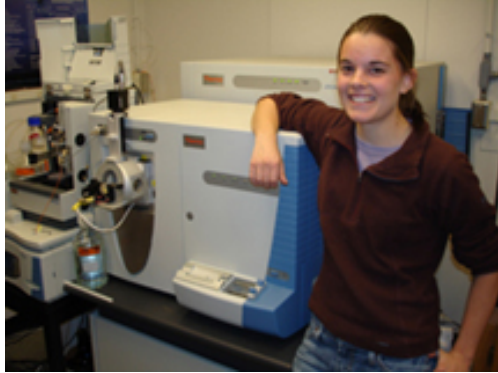


Gwen Buel off to Harvard



As I look back over my career at UVM, I realize I took advantage of many of the excellent opportunities and benefits that the University offers. At the end of my sophomore year, I applied for and was awarded the Oppenheimer Research award from the biology department to fund work in the lab of Dr. Bryan Ballif for the summer. This was my first experience conducting research in a lab, but within the first few months I spent in the department I gained incredible amounts of practical experience and by the end of the summer I was determined to pursue research as a career. For the following summer and semesters, I applied for and received a URECA award and an APLE mini-grant to help continue funding my research project.

Now that I am finishing up my senior year and making plans for after graduation, I realize these opportunities were not only a large part of my experience at UVM, but they have helped lay a solid groundwork for my future. Thanks largely to my research experience in the Biology Department, I have been accepted into a number of excellent graduate schools from which I have chosen to attend Harvard University. At Harvard, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. through the programs in Biological and Biomedical Sciences.