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**THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENT**

The Herb Society of America Education Chairperson, Susan Betz, is pleased to announce that the Research Grant Committee has selected Laura Wright as the 2008-2009 Research Grant Recipient.

Ms. Wright was awarded \$5,000 for her project “Turmeric and Ginger Extracts in the Prevention of Osteoclastic Bone Destruction.” Laura is a Ph.D. candidate at the College of Medicine, University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Ms. Wright completed her undergraduate studies in Human Biology at Biola University in LaMirada, California and completed her Master’s Degree in Physiological Sciences at the University of Arizona.

Laura has received numerous academic and professional honors including:; Trainee Award from The Endocrine Society in San Francisco, California; the Herbert E. Carter Travel Award from the Graduate Interdisciplinary Programs, at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award Recipient—Best Abstract, Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, in San Diego, California; and was the Young Investigator Travel Award recipient, from the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research at their Annual Conference held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Herb Society of America provides grants to educators and researchers once each year. For additional information about the grant criteria please visit The Herb Society of America web site, [www.herbsociety.org](http://www.herbsociety.org).

The Herb Society of America is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational program, research and sharing the experience of its members with the community and is committed to protecting our global environment for the health and well-being of humankind and all growing things. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in herbs.

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