



## ARCS Scholars Receive Beckman Coulter Foundation Support

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Through its partnership with Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS), the Beckman Coulter Foundation has provided funding, for two consecutive years, toward the ARCS Scholar Awards at the University of California Irvine (UCI). Such support has been used to assist the continuing education of scholars in Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. programs in one or more STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields.

ARCS is a national nonprofit organization of women dedicated to providing scholarships to outstanding students working to complete graduate programs in STEM. [ARCS Orange County](#) was founded and chartered in 1999 by the late Patricia Beckman, daughter of Dr. Arnold O. Beckman. The chapter supports promising scholars taking on the challenges of today and tomorrow.

The Beckman Coulter Foundation proudly recognizes its 2014-2015 ARCS awardees:



**Thomas Baker** is a third-year physics Ph.D. student at UCI researching conditions in density functional theory. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo and a Master of Science, also in physics, from California State University, Long Beach. He is currently serving as the 2014-2015 American Physical Society Far West Section student representative and helps facilitate an annual Graduate Record Exam (GRE) boot camp.

**Suzanne (Suzi) Klaus** expects to earn a Ph.D. in microbiology and molecular genetics from UCI this year and complete her medical degree in 2017. Suzi graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry. Suzi's research focuses on immunology and patients with autoimmune or immunodeficient disorders. She is also involved in an ultrasound research study that screens high school and college athletes for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.



**Maria Inez Falcon** completed her Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology and is currently working on a Ph.D. in neuroscience at UCI. She previously worked in research labs studying locomotion and peripheral nerve injury, and is currently performing her thesis work in the Brain Circuits Lab with a focus on motor recovery after stroke. Inez plans to pursue a career in neurorehabilitation research.

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