

Zahavah Rojer

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PhD Student

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Education

PhD (*in progress*)

August 2023 – *Present*

Hendry Lab, Cornell University

Department of Microbiology

B.S. *Magna cum laude*

August 2019 – May 2023

Department of Microbiology, Cornell University

Thesis: “This Flower Ain’t Big Enough for the Both of Us: *In-vitro* Competition Between Different Strains of Nectar-Associated *Acinetobacter* spp.”

Research Experience

Graduate Assistant Researcher

August 2023 – *Present*

Hendry Lab, Cornell University

Department of Microbiology

Undergraduate Research Assistant

August 2020 – May 2023

Hendry Lab, Cornell University

Department of Microbiology

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2023 – *Present*

Laboratory in Genetics and Genomics, Cornell University

Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Jan 2020 – May 2023

Laboratory in Genetics and Genomics, Cornell University

Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics

Laboratory Preparation Assistant

Jan 2023 – May 2023

Magical Mushrooms, Mischievous Molds, Cornell University

Department of Plant Pathology

Leadership

Treasurer September 2024 – Present	Field of Microbiology Students, Cornell University
Evaluations Chair September 2024 – Present	Expanding Your Horizons, Cornell University
Editor-in-Chief August 2022 – August 2023	Kitsch Magazine, Cornell University

Community Outreach & Volunteering

Workshop Leader April 6, 2024	Expanding Your Horizons, Cornell University <i>Meals Made with Microbes</i> Workshop
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Publications & Presentations

Poster Presentation June 2025	NEMPET Conference “Fluorescent Deception: Insect-pathogenic fluorescent <i>Pseudomonas</i> can create an ecological trap for aphids”
Undergraduate Senior Thesis May 2023	Department of Microbiology, Cornell University “This Flower Ain’t Big Enough for the Both of Us: <i>In-vitro</i> Competition Between Different Strains of Nectar-Associated <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.”
Poster Presentation March 1, 2022	Cornell Institute of Host-Microbe Interactions and Disease “ <i>In-vitro</i> competition between nectar-associated <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.”

Awards & Honors

Robert Mortlock Memorial Scholarship May 2025	NEMPET Conference \$590 scholarship
Ann S. and Robert R. Morley Student Research Fund May 2022	Cornell University \$1,000 award

Certifications & Training

Course Design Institute
Spring 2024

Center for Teaching Innovation, Cornell University
Developing Learning Outcomes / Developing a Syllabus
from Scratch / Designing Assessment of Student Learning

References

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