### Overall Educational Goal
To provide a group of students who are interested in scientific research with the latest findings related to Biochemistry.

### Objectives
To encourage students to read and understand scientific papers and evaluate the contribution of the paper to scientific field in critical ways.

### Brief Description of Activities
This elective, in ten sessions scheduled for Tuesdays beginning at 6:00PM (with breaks around exam periods), meets with five faculty in the Department in an informal program that mixes discussion of topics of contemporary interest, with a significant component of biochemistry and/or molecular biology, all the time cast in a light that shows the relevance of these topics to human health and disease. Each faculty meets with the students twice. In the first session faculty members describe their research. In the second session, formal presentations by students are required on the research papers assigned by the faculty on the topic discussed in the previous session.

### Method of Evaluation
Students successfully complete the course by attending at least 7 of 10 sessions, and have the elective noted on their transcript.