# **Tony Smith**

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#### EDUCATION

University of Nebraska at Omaha Expected graduation: Aug 2024 Dual Degree: Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts Majors: Neuroscience, Biology Minors: Chemistry Nu Rho Psi (Neuroscience Honor Society) Aug 2020 - Present Tri Beta (Biology Honor Society) Aug 2021 – May 2022 Dean's List (6 Semesters) . **TEACHING EXPERIENCE** University of Nebraska at Omaha, Anatomy Academic Assistant Internship - Omaha, NE Aug 2022 - Present Anatomy Academic Assistant (AAA) Co-teach Anatomy & Physiology lab with professor for 30 college students • • Plan interactive game nights for 90 students so they can best learn lab material • Demonstrate dissections for class of 30 students and ensure proper protocol is followed • Collaborate with Open Door Mission to host Health Fair for over 300 homeless people in the Omaha area **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE** University of Nebraska at Omaha, Bird Lab - Omaha, NE Feb 2021 - Present Undergraduate Research Assistant Assist with undergraduate and graduate research projects involving Zebra Finches by collecting samples (feces, •

- blood, feathers), anesthetizing, and ensuring minimal animal distress
- Perform Cortisol Assays using various types of samples (feathers, feces, saliva)
- Execute Microbe-killing Assays using E. coli and C. albicans, and ensure proper IBC protocol is followed
- Developed, completed, and found funding for original research project
- Obtain Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) certification allowing the use of animals and biohazardous agents

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

FUSE Undergraduate Research Grant (2014), University of Nebraska at Omaha FUSE Undergraduate Research Grant (2013), University of Nebraska at Omaha

## PUBLICATIONS

Maverick, J., Professor, R., & Mojo, M., (in review) Effects of different rearing conditions on the immune function and mortality of Zebra Finches (Taeniopygia guttata).

## PRESENTATIONS

Maverick, J., Professor, R., (2020) Effects of different rearing conditions on the immune function and mortality of Zebra Finches (*Taeniopygia guttata*), Presented at the 7th Annual Student Research and Creative Activity Fair. Omaha, NE

Maverick, J., Professor, R., (2020) Cortisol: Circadian Cycle and Acute Response to Unexpected Stressor, Presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Creative Activity Fair. Omaha, NE

#### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Callitrichid Research Center – Omaha, NE Marmoset Lab Volunteer

July 2020 - Present