**Convocation 2015 in the Spotlight: Robert Pazdzior**

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Robert Pazdzior speaking

Well to start out it was kind of a blank space in my knowledge and I thought it was really interesting so I enrolled here and about half way through the year I decided that chemistry and biochemistry was fascinating and I wanted to keep going. I am going to the Centre for Molecular Medicine in Vienna Austria to do a Ph.D. I will be working proteomics and mass spectometry independent group. Well I've got a lot of hands on experience through summer projects and my honours thesis in Dr. Rafferty's lab. That has given me a lot of leeway and a lot of freedom to kind of explore and kind of figure things out on my own but still with some great guidance. In Dr. Rafferty's lab we were studying Cytochrome B5 which is an electronic transfer protein. This is from an intestinal parasite called Giardia Lamblia or Giardia Intestinalis they want to call it now but it's kind of a weird protein, weird set of proteins they weren't expected to be there and so what I was doing and other members of the lab were doing was characterizing them. So just kind of studying basic physical attributes to try and figure out what they do in Giardia.