

## Prestigious fellowship funds student research in South Africa

**B**rady Beecham, an M.D./Ph.D. student, is in Durban, South Africa for the next year to conduct HIV/AIDS research with African scientist Quarrisha Abdool Karim, Ph.D.

Beecham is the first UNMC student to receive the Fogarty International Clinical Research Fellowship, a \$25,000 grant sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

The Lincoln native is one of just 28 students from around the country to receive the fellowship, which allows recipients to study with top NIH researchers who work in developing countries.

The fellowship includes a strong mentorship component and Beecham – whose Ph.D. emphasis will be in HIV/AIDS epidemiology – is particularly excited to work closely with Dr. Karim.

“She’s one of the authorities on HIV/AIDS research, which is proving to be the defining epidemic of our era,” Beecham said.

While in South Africa, Beecham will conduct epidemiology work and also assist with clinical trials. While there, she will blog about her experiences. Read her updates at [blog.unmc.edu/student/](http://blog.unmc.edu/student/).



Brady Beecham

## UNMC programs among the best in 2010 U.S. News rankings

**U**NMC continues to be positioned among the nation’s top programs in U.S. News & World Report’s 2010 edition of America’s Best Graduate Schools.

The rankings reflect UNMC’s longstanding hold in such program areas as primary care, rural health and physician assistant education.

U.S. News & World Report ranked the College of Medicine’s rural health medicine program 15th and its primary care program 17th.

Also ranked among the top in the country: the UNMC School of Allied Health Professions’ physician assistant program (ranked 14th) and physical therapy program (33rd), the College of Pharmacy (29th) and the College of Nursing’s master’s programs (32nd).

## UNMC launches TV segments on Omaha station

**W**hen it comes to your health, you want to hear from the experts.

That’s why UNMC initiated a partnership with Omaha’s KETV NewsWatch 7 earlier this year. The partnership, called “Ask UNMC,” allows viewers to ask pharmacists, nurses,



dentists, doctors, researchers and physical therapists questions about everyday health concerns.

The one-minute segments air during five newscasts each weekend and provide timely, educational health information to the public. Ask your own question or view the library of segments at [www.unmc.edu/askunmc](http://www.unmc.edu/askunmc).

## Pharmacy ranks sixth nationally in research funds

**T**he College of Pharmacy ranks sixth nationally among 110 pharmacy schools in terms of National Institutes of Health (NIH) research dollars per Ph.D. faculty member.

The rankings – compiled annually by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy – show that the College of Pharmacy’s 18 Ph.D.-level investigators collectively received more than \$5 million in NIH funds in 2008. That equates to about \$280,434 in NIH funds for each pharmacy Ph.D. faculty member.

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