

## *Ph.D. Student Feature*

### *Lisa Soyeon Baik*



The School of Medicine applauds Ph.D. student Lisa Soyeon Baik for her achievements.

Ms. Baik recently received an ARCS Foundation Scholar Award. The ARCS Foundation is a nonprofit organization started and run by women. Unrestricted funding is provided to support the country's brightest graduate and undergraduate students. She will be honored at the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) awards event this month.

Ms. Baik continues her tenure as an NSF-GRFP fellow. Both fellowships support her research studies that focus on the mechanism and molecular evolution of a novel Cryptochrome based phototransduction system.

Ms. Baik presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Center for Circadian Biology Symposium at UCSD on February 24-26, 2016. Ms. Baik's presentation described the role of CRYPTOCHROME in behavioral and electrophysiological response to light, "CRYPTOCHROME is a Direct Neuronal Ultraviolet Light Sensor." Ms. Baik received an award for Best Poster.

Ms. Baik is in her third year of study in the Physiology and Biophysics program, and she is advised by Dr. Todd Holmes. Congratulations Lisa Soyeon Baik!