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**Ramapo College Professor Awarded a
National Institutes of Health Grant**

MAHWAH - Christian G. Reich, Ph.D., assistant professor of behavioral neuroscience at Ramapo College of New Jersey, was awarded an \$187,500 research grant by the National Institutes of Health. The three-year grant will continue the research Reich, who lives in West Milford, New Jersey, began while associated with the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Reich's research seeks to uncover the reason for mood disorders such as major depressive disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder that affect 20 million Americans. His research will focus on endocannabinoids, the neuromodulators implicated in regulating stress and anxiety. Specifically, this project will assess the impact of stress on endocannabinoid-mediated neurotransmission in the hippocampus, a brain region involved with learning and memory.

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“I am delighted that our faculty have maintained a high scholarly profile,” said Dr. Samuel Rosenberg, dean of the School of Social Science and Human Services at Ramapo College. “The grant will enhance the relationship between research and publication for undergraduate students.”

Members of the Ramapo College faculty have recently been awarded grants from the National Science Foundation and the Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services. These grants expand the opportunities for research by undergraduates carried out under the supervision of experienced scientists.

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