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In addition to being on the cusp of new discovery, Stein Eye Institute laboratories also serve as a petri dish of a sort in fostering development of future leaders in medicine.

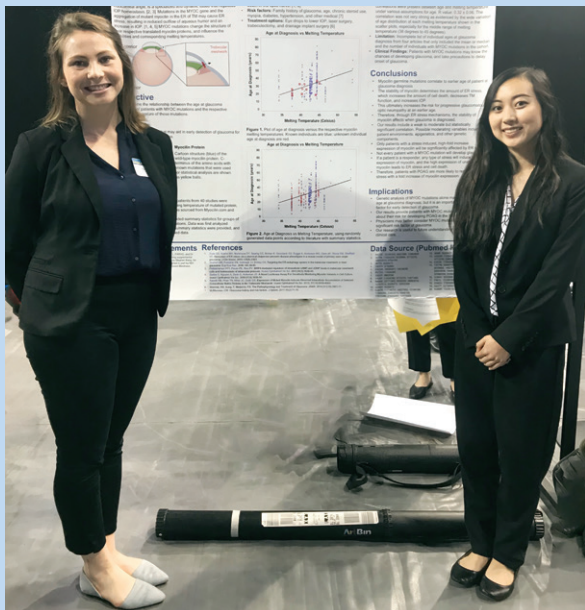
As an example, researchers in the Therapeutic Development in Ophthalmology Laboratory of **Jie J. Zheng, PhD**, professor of ophthalmology, had two papers published in winter 2021. The uniqueness of these two publications is that the lead authors of both were UCLA undergraduate students—participants in the Student Research Program, lower division courses that allow students to conduct independent research under the guidance of a faculty member.



Kim Graybeal

Tarin Tanji, first author of the article “Age at Glaucoma Diagnosis in Germline Myocilin Mutation Patients: Associations with Polymorphisms in Protein Stabilities” published November 16, 2021, in *Genes*, and the article’s second author, **Emily Cohen**, are continuing their work in science. Tarin returned home to Hawai‘i and is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. (Tarin’s father, **Dr. Troy Tanji**, is an ophthalmologist who conducted his glaucoma fellowship at the Doheny Eye Institute, the Stein Eye Institute’s affiliate partner.) Emily is a medical student at Weill Cornell Medicine–Cornell Medical School.

Kimberly Graybeal, first author of “Characterizing the Metabolic Profile of Dexamethasone Treated Human Trabecular Meshwork Cells,” published December 9, 2021, in *Experimental Eye Research*, is a medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.



Emily Cohen and Tarin Tanji