

## Skidmore faculty and students discovered creative ways to conduct research together over the summer.

You cannot keep a good researcher down. That might be the motto for Skidmore's 2020 Faculty Student Summer Research Program. There were plenty of pandemic-related hurdles: Students could not be on campus. Laboratories were of limited capacity. Meetings took place not in faculty offices or on campus but remotely from home using online platforms like Zoom and Slack.

But equipped with creative thought, 55 Skidmore students and 30 faculty members met the challenge and were able to engage in a variety of sophisticated, collaborative research projects remotely.

The summer of 2020 stands as a testament to the can-do spirit of Skidmore students and the strong commitment by faculty to the academic enterprise. Many alumni, especially those who have gone on to graduate school, have reported that Skidmore's research experience provided them distinct advantages as scholars.

Associate Professor of Health and Human Physiological Sciences Stephen Ives says he was initially reluctant to proceed on a remote research project considering the effect of succinic acid treatment on metabolism.

"Kendall (Zaleski '22) convinced me to push on, and I'm glad she did because

we just submitted a manuscript for peer review," Ives says. Not being able to use labs ended up providing a "silver lining, a moment of pause and reflection" by allowing the researchers to dig deeper into exper-

