Dr. Perry is currently an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry. Since joining UCR in 2014, he has established a stellar record of supporting undergraduate students in research and creative activity. He has mentored 43 undergraduate students in various cutting edge research projects in his laboratory, where research focuses on discovering inhibitors to proteins that drive human disease. Dr. Perry’s students have contributed to 3 scientific publications and 19 presentations at conferences (several students have even won awards for their outstanding conference presentations!). In addition, he has been a dedicated Honors Program faculty mentor, with 8 students completing their Capstones with him. His current and former students have received dozens of awards and scholarships (45 so far!), and research conducted by his students has even been recognized by the CA state assembly and CA senate. Dr. Perry encourages his undergraduate students to take full advantage of training opportunities like NIH MARCU STAR, RISE, Amgen Scholars Program, American Honda Scholarship, and many other competitive scholarships and honors. Dr. Perry has also been proactive in efforts to support and increase diversity in scientific research. Many of the students who work in Dr. Perry’s laboratory go on to graduate school and medical school, and they attribute their career progression and success to his guidance and support. His students note that Dr. Perry provided “Outstanding learning opportunities and experiences in undergraduate research that have refined my educational and career goals and have helped me to receive scholarships toward those goals”; many also note how constructive and supportive he is in providing feedback that meaningfully advanced their careers (e.g., feedback on presentations, on talking about research, and on graduate school application materials).