The goal of this two course series is to teach Science, Technology, and Research Scholars 1 (STARS1) passionate about conducting research in the life sciences the skills necessary for all scientists and the outstanding research opportunities available at Yale. During the first semester, students read primary research papers on the COVID19 pandemic and emerge from this course with an appreciation for how rapidly scientific knowledge can be utilized to combat a deadly disease. Students learn how to (1) read the primary scientific literature, (2) present this material to the class and, (3) write a group grant proposal. During the second semester, students are required to identify a research lab that they will work in and learn how to write an independent grant proposal for funding to conduct summer research. Credit for SCIE 010 only on completion of SCIE 011; one course credit, one SC credit, and guaranteed summer research funding is awarded for successful completion of the grant proposal and one year’s work. Prerequisite: Score of 5 on AP biology test or equivalent on IB biology exam. Enrollment limited to first-year students. Preregistration required; see under First-Year Seminar Program. SC ½ Course cr per term

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A series of modules in lecture and discussion format addressing scientific issues arising in current affairs. Topics are selected for their scientific interest and contemporary relevance, and may include global warming, human cloning, and the existence of extrasolar planets. Credit for SCIE 030 upon completion of SCIE 031; one course credit is awarded for successful completion of the year’s work. Enrollment limited to first-year students. Preregistration required; see under First-Year Seminar Program. SC ½ Course cr per term