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Editorial

A Special Issue on Undergraduate Research and Education in Spectroscopy

This special issue represents the second focus of *Spectroscopy Letters* on Undergraduate Research and Education, following the first special issues in 2004 (Volume 37, Issues 2 & 3). A total of 15 papers in this issue includes original research papers, descriptions of innovative spectroscopy laboratory experiments, innovative spectroscopic pedagogy, and curriculum revision.

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Spectroscopy Letters will continue to welcome manuscripts in all areas of spectroscopy and undergraduate education, including:

- New laboratory experiments for courses
- Innovative pedagogical materials
- Novel approaches to teaching spectroscopy at all levels
- Results of undergraduate research involving spectroscopy

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