

2019 Floyd E. McDonald Scholarship Winner



My name is Munchelou M. Gomonit, and I was originally born and raised in Singapore. I came to the U.S to pursue a B.S in Forensic Chemistry with a double minor in Criminal Justice and Biology at Sam Houston State University located in Huntsville, Texas. Growing up, my passion in crime-fighting was piqued from a love for the Japanese animation *Detective Conan*. It was only much later on, after joining my professor, Dr. Ilona Petrikovics, in her toxicology research, that I also grew a deep and profound passion in participating in original scholarly research. Her constant encouragement to integrate my initial conviction of crime-fighting with my growing interest in Toxicology inspired me to aim towards using my knowledge to solve practical problems prevalent in the Forensic Toxicology field. In the Fall of 2020, I would be pursuing my PhD in Forensic Science, where I would be particularly interested in doing research involving the development of analytical procedures for drug detection. Ultimately, I hope to be able to join a research lab that focuses on the refinement of current toxicological testing techniques.

In my spare time, I enjoy learning how to cook, watching Japanese anime/Korean dramas and playing console games. Lately, I have also been learning how to create attractive data visuals in hopes of using this skill to make future conference posters look amazing!