

# SCIENCE SUCCESS

Science departments let students interact one-on-one with faculty and gain valuable research experience

**B**etween 60 and 70 percent of Ithaca College students who apply to medical schools are accepted. The national average is 49 percent.

The success of the college's premed program rests in part on the dedication of the premed committee. However, all the science departments play an important role in giving students the experiences they need. The success is one of the college's best-kept secrets.

The key to success is faculty-student research. Students have the opportunity to jump into projects. This semester 42 biology, 22 chemistry, almost 30 environmental studies and around 10 physics students are working on research projects.

The college's infrastructure supports this research. At some teaching colleges, professors must spend 12 hours in the classroom and additional time supervising students and conducting research. At Ithaca, three hours spent supervising students is included in the 12 hours of instruction time. This attracts young enthusiastic professors, and ultimately creates an ideal experience for students and prepares them to enter their chosen fields.