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A Natural Sciences honors graduate of the University of Cambridge, Jesus College, Joana Taylor Tavares has received many academic distinctions including Jesus College Scholar, Keller Prize, Gulland Prize, Earthwatch NatWest Environmental Fellowship, British Council Prize, and the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Outside of the classroom and the lab, she enjoys singing in the MagSoc (Cambridge choir). As a Cambridge Scholar at Jesus College, Joana is carrying out functional magnetic resonance imaging of a probabilistic reversal learning task and studying performance on a broad range of neuropsychological tasks in bipolar and unipolar depression with mentors Wayne Drevets and Barbara Sahakian. During her time at the NIH she has also been involved in teaching the ‘Laboratory Techniques’ course for intramural students and has received NIH Graduate Partnerships Program prizes in 2003 and 2004. She says “The opportunity to carry out work towards a Ph.D. at both the NIH and the University of Cambridge is an exciting and unique experience.”