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Task Description:	Our studies will use the fruit fly Drosophila and the worm Caenorhabditis elegans (C. elegans) to identify conserved mechanisms underlying the oxidative stress response to altered gravity. Spaceflight induces alterations in somatic/cardiac muscle, as well as in the brain. Many of these changes mirror those induced by long-term bed-rest on Earth and with age. We will use functional, structural, and molecular biological techniques to identify common genetic and molecular components that mediate the effect of microgravity, lunar gravity, and Mars gravity on organ function. The use of two different genetic model organisms will allow us to identify common targets across species that can be exploited to mitigate negative health effects of long duration space habitation and perhaps provide therapies to combat muscle wasting and neurodegeneration on Earth. We will also compare the changes in these organisms with published changes in humans subjected to bed-rest and spaceflight.
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