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Editor's Note



Aashi Parikh
Editor-in-Chief

Prisms, though simple, transparent 3-dimensional objects, have the ability to manipulate light in numerous, fascinating ways. They may be dispersive (splitting white light into the colors of the rainbow), reflective (flipping light, such as in a camera), or polarizing (splitting light based on its electric field orientation, a principle similar to the glare-reduction found in specialized optics and sunglasses), among several other functions. In short, prisms are versatile. Not only do their various applications serve several purposes across many spheres of science—such as medicine, astronomy, and geology—but such versatility mirrors the scientific world as a whole.

Science is multifaceted—a concept we take an active role in centering at the Berkeley Scientific Journal (BSJ). Throughout our publication process, we encourage our writers to consider the ways in which they can understand the findings of various scientific studies as well as concepts from multiple subfields of science in order to establish a comprehensive and unbiased basis for their writing. We are also major proponents of including a diverse range of scientific branches and disciplines, showcasing the vast depth of knowledge, innovation, and implications within the scientific community. Within this issue itself, our staff explores an expansive spectrum of subject matters, from the science of language development (Features Writer Hannah Yoo), to restoring Berkeley's own Strawberry Creek (Features Writer Kaitlynn Brandon), and even research on psychedelics (Interview with Dr. David Presti).

With this latest issue, we have split the “colors” of science and technology into several fascinating, focused articles, each a window into complex research and innovation. Our hope is that readers appreciate the multidimensionality of these studies, seeing science not as a series of rigid categories, but as a continuous, brilliant spectrum.

For Fall 2025, we proudly present the latest edition of the Berkeley Scientific Journal: *Prism*.



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