On behalf of the BMB Awards Committee, nominations are solicited for the awards listed below:

_These awards will be presented at the Annual Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Banquet to be held in April. The Lectureship will be held the same week during the regular Biochemistry Colloquium time in Room 101 Biochemistry._

_Thank you for your time and consideration!_

**Important:** All nominations should be submitted as a SINGLE COMBINED PDF to Mary Villarreal (villar30@msu.edu) no later than Friday, February 9, 2018.

The following Graduate Student Awards are Open to:
Any BMB graduate students, regardless of laboratory affiliation.
Any students from other graduate programs who have a BMB faculty member as their advisor.

- **Outstanding Graduate Student Award** will be presented to a student who has excelled in scholarship, research and teaching activities during his/her career in this department. Candidates should be graduate students in their final year of study.

  A nomination should include: (1) a nominating letter from a faculty member, (2) CV, and (3) any supporting documents, such as reprints, manuscripts in press, or supporting letters, that would be deemed pertinent to the Committee’s decision process.

- **Outstanding Graduate Research Award** will be presented to a student who has excelled in research during his/her career. (Candidates should be graduate students who have successfully passed their prelim examination)

  A nomination should include: (1) a nominating letter from a faculty member, (2) CV, and (3) any supporting documents, such as reprints, manuscripts in press, or supporting letters, that would be deemed pertinent to the Committee’s decision process.

- **Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award** will be presented to a student for exceptional performance as a graduate teaching assistant during his or her graduate program.

  A nomination should include (1) a nominating letter from a faculty member, (2) CV, and any supporting documents, such as teaching evaluations, reprints, manuscripts in press, or supporting letters, that would be deemed pertinent to the Committee’s decision process.
The following Graduate Student Awards are ONLY open to BMB graduate students, regardless of laboratory affiliation.

- **Jack Throck Watson Graduate Fellowship**
  Former students and colleagues of Dr. Jack Throck Watson, Professor of Biochemistry and Chemistry, have established the graduate fellowship to honor their teacher, mentor, friend, and colleague. Awards will be made to graduate students in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Preference given to individuals engaged in research related to mass-spectrometry and its applications.

  **A nomination should include:** Letters of support and a detailed CV.

- **Dr. Richard U. and Claire M. Byerrum Endowed Fellowship**
  Mrs. Claire Byerrum has established the Dr. Richard U. and Claire M. Byerrum Endowed Fellowship to aid the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in attracting or retaining outstanding graduate students.

  **A nomination should include:** Letters of support and a detailed CV.

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Other Departmental Awards

- **Postdoctoral Independent Career Potential Award**
  This award is open to any postdoctoral researcher working in a BMB faculty member’s laboratory. 
  *(Postdoctoral researcher is defined as an individual being within 5 years of their PhD being granted. Research Assistant Professors are also eligible if within 5 years of their Ph.D.)* The award will recognize outstanding postdoctoral progress towards developing an independent scientific career as an academic PI or industrial scientist. Evidence of such progress may include a significant record of peer-reviewed publications and extramural talks, attaining a competitively reviewed postdoctoral fellowship or other honor/award from an extramural agency, establishing a clear set of research aims for future work as an independent scientist, and laying the groundwork for that research (via collaborations and preliminary results) while at MSU.

  **A nomination should include:** a 1-page letter from the nominator, an additional confidential letter of recommendation from a faculty member or well-established collaborator, a detailed CV, and a 1 to 2 page statement covering research accomplishments, aims for future work and progress towards them.

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