

On behalf of the BMB Awards Committee, nominations are solicited for the *Postdoctoral Independent Career Potential Award* and the *Exceptional Staff and Exceptional Scientific Staff Award*.

Nominations must be sent as a single PDF file to:

to Mary Thompson (diedri13@msu.edu)

by Friday, February 8, 2019.

Exceptional Staff Award in BMB

The Exceptional Staff Award is given periodically in appreciation of exceptional service to the department. It provides a way to recognize the significant contributions by a staff member with a public statement of appreciation, accompanied by a monetary award. Our staff, including administrators, office support personnel, technical support personnel, and lab technicians, are essential to the department. *The intention of this award is to recognize outstanding contributions that extend well beyond a single lab or office in providing research support, event coordination, administration, and enhancement of the infrastructure needed for the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department to excel in its teaching, research, and outreach missions.*

Up to two awards may be given in one year: the Exceptional Staff Award and the Exceptional Scientific Staff Award. Besides a nomination letter, the nomination packet should include one or more letters of support from students, staff or faculty members in the department that address the intent of the award, as described above, to aid in the BMB Awards Committee's review. The nomination letter needs to clearly describe how the nominee's contributions have been essential to the success of the department's research, outreach, and teaching efforts. If there are questions about who can nominate, which award is most appropriate for a potential nominee, or whether a potential nominee's packet is complete, please contact the chair of the BMB Awards Committee (R. M. Garavito, garavito@msu.edu).

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