

On behalf of the BMB Awards Committee, nominations are solicited for the  
**Exceptional Staff and Exceptional Scientific Staff Awards.**

**Nominations must be sent as a single PDF file to  
Mary Villarreal (villar30@msu.edu),  
by Friday, January 27, 2017.**

## **Exceptional Staff Awards 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 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 can be given in one year: the Exceptional Staff Award and the Exceptional Scientific Staff Award. 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).