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 Endowed Lecture 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 all BMB graduate students, regardless of laboratory affiliation and to all students from other graduate programs who have a BMB faculty member as an 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 a nominating letter from a faculty member, CV, and any supporting documents such as reprints, manuscripts in press, supporting letters, etc., 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 a nominating letter from a faculty member, CV, and any supporting documents such as reprints, manuscripts in press, supporting letters, etc., 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 a nominating letter from a faculty member, CV, and any supporting documents such as reprints, manuscripts in press, supporting letters, etc., deemed pertinent to the Committee’s decision process.

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The following Graduate Student Awards are 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 Awards**

- **Outstanding Postdoctoral Researcher Award**
  This award is open to any postdoctoral researcher 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 an outstanding postdoctoral researcher who demonstrated excellence in the areas of research, teaching, mentoring, service and/or leadership and will recognize its progress developing an independent scientific career towards a traditional (academia, industry) or non-traditional (government, science communication, public service, …) career path.

  **A nomination should include: a 1-page letter from the nominator, 1 to 3 additional confidential 1-page letter(s) of support from individuals other than the nominator (faculty member, well-established collaborator, …), a detailed CV, and a 1 to 2 page(s) statement covering accomplishments, aims for future work and progress towards them.**

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