

# BMB Undergraduate Research Awards and Scholarships

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: Monday, October 8**

**IMPORTANT:** Recipients of these awards will be notified by the end of the fall semester, so that award information can be included in graduate school/job/professional school applications. Award funds will be disbursed in spring semester, and the awards will be presented and celebrated at the annual Biochemistry Department Banquet to be held in April. Please plan to attend this event if you are applying for any of these awards.

~~~~~

## 1. Pamela J. Fraker Undergraduate Scholarship (\$2000)

One or more scholarships of \$2000 will be awarded to an undergraduate who has attained at least sophomore status as of the semester in which the application is submitted, carries at least a 3.0 grade point average at the time of application, and has a demonstrated financial need. The scholarship will be applied to the awardee's spring tuition. This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity and motivation to achieve educational and professional goals and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

### Eligibility

- Strong academic performance; a minimum 3.0 grade point average at the time of application
- Sophomore or higher level undergraduate status
- Financial need (the applicant/nominee must explicitly address financial need in their personal statement)

**NOTE: Application and Instructions for applying found on page 2**

~~~~~

## 2. Professor Richard L. Anderson Endowed Undergraduate Research Prize (\$2000)

This prize is for BMB majors who will have attained at least junior status by this current Fall semester and who are committed to pursuing a career in research. The prize will be applied to the awardees' spring tuition. Applicants should be currently working in a lab or plan to do so the coming academic year and the application must contain a letter of support from a faculty mentor indicating their willingness to host the student for research in their laboratory the coming year.

\*Requirements and eligibility are listed below.

## 3. Dr. James K. Billman, Jr. Undergraduate Research Awards (\$1,500)

Up to two \$1,500 awards will be given. The Billman award is intended for BMB majors who have attained at least junior status by this current Fall semester and would like to do undergraduate research, but cannot because of the need to work. The award will be applied to the awardees' spring tuition. Applicants should be currently working in a lab or plan to do so the coming academic year and the application must contain a letter of support from a faculty mentor indicating their willingness to host the student for research in their laboratory the coming year. \*Requirements and eligibility are listed below.

## 4. BMB Undergraduate Research Fellowships (\$1,500)

Up to two \$1,500 fellowships will be given. The Fellowships are for both BMB and Non-BMB majors working in a Biochemistry Department lab who have attained at least junior status by this current Fall semester and would like to do undergraduate research, but cannot because of the need to work. The award will be applied to the awardees' spring tuition. Applicants should be currently working in a lab or plan to do so the coming academic year and the application must contain a letter of support from a faculty mentor indicating their willingness to host the student for research in their laboratory the coming year. \*Requirements and eligibility are listed below.

### Eligibility for numbers 2, 3 & 4 listed above:

- Plan to pursue a career in research (**NOTE:** Students not planning to pursue a career in research may still be considered for the Billman Award and Research Fellowships)
- Strong academic performance; a minimum 3.0 grade point average at the time of application
- Professorial Assistants and Alumni Distinguished Scholars are not eligible for these awards because they already have a source of research support
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate in spring semester to receive the financial support
- Applications from previous BMB award recipients are unlikely to be funded

**NOTE: Application and instructions for applying found on page 2**

## BMB Undergraduate Research Awards and Scholarships Application

**\$2,000** - Professor Richard L. Anderson Endowed Undergraduate Research Prize  
Pamela J. Fraker Undergraduate Scholarship(s)

**\$1,500** - Dr. James K. Billman, Jr. Undergraduate Research Award(s)  
BMB Undergraduate Research Fellowship(s)

**Indicate the award(s) the applicant/nominee wishes to be considered for:**

Anderson       Billman       BMB Research Fellowship       Fraker Scholarship

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Student PID Number:</u></b>
<b><u>Local Address:</u></b>	
<b><u>Phone:</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail:</u></b>
<b><u>GPA:</u></b>	
<b>Current class standing (sophomore, junior, senior):</b>	
<b>Expected Graduation Date (Semester and Year):</b>	

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!)

*You may apply for all awards for which you are eligible, on one form.*

### To Apply for the Fraker Award, please submit the following:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Curriculum vitae/resume, a personal statement of career interests and goals, and a statement of financial need (with any information that the applicant feels is appropriate for the committee to consider).

*Items 1 and 2 should be completed and submitted as a **single PDF** to Mary Villarreal ([villar30@msu.edu](mailto:villar30@msu.edu)) by the deadline **Monday, October 8.***

### To Apply for the Anderson Award, Billman Award, or the Research Fellowship, please submit the following:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Brief description of research project (not needed for Fraker Scholarship)
3. \*Endorsement letter from the faculty mentor who is currently or will direct the research project.  
**(NOTE: It is the student's responsibility to ensure the faculty letter is sent before the submission deadline; students are therefore encouraged to engage and interact with faculty well in advance of the deadline.)**
4. Curriculum vitae and a statement of career interests and goals.

*Items 1, 2 and 4 should be completed by the student and submitted as a **single PDF** to Mary Villarreal ([villar30@msu.edu](mailto:villar30@msu.edu)) by the deadline.*

*\*Item 3, faculty endorsement letter, should be emailed **directly by faculty** to Mary Villarreal, **before the deadline Monday, October 8.***