

# Honors and Awards 2019-2020

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## **Nathan Achilly**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30HD097871, NICHD, 2019  
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Callison Alcott**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30NS095449, NINDS, 2016

## **David Bader**

Outstanding Graduate in Molecular & Cellular Biology, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
Medical Scientist Training Program Outstanding Service Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
Best Presentation, Department of Medicine House Staff Symposium, Basic Research Category, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30CA196108, NCI, 2015

## **Benjamin Belfort**

BP America Biomedical Scholar, 2019

## **Erin Bolte**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2018  
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
3rd place Elevator Speech Contest, Translational Biology & Molecular Medicine Alumni and Student Symposium, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Angelina Bortoletto**

Center for Cell & Gene Therapy T32 Training Grant, 2019  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Science and Society Talk, Translational Biology & Molecular Medicine Retreat, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Best Poster Presentation, Center for Cell & Gene Therapy Annual Conference, Galveston, TX, 2019  
Collaborative Pilot Award Winner, Center for Cell & Gene Therapy Annual Conference, Galveston, TX, 2019

## **Cathy Bradley**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2017  
Kathy Crawford Medical Scientist Training Program Service Award, 2019

## **Tommy Burke**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Predoctoral Fellowship F31CA228360-01, NCI, 2018  
Jon Pritchard Fellowship, Artemis Foundation/The Nikolas Symposia on the Histiocytoses, 2019

## **Hannah Campbell**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30HL140782, NHLBI, 2018

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## **Hilda Chan**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Immunology/Endocrinology Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/  
McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2019  
Best Oral Presentation, Powerful Presentations Course, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Alexandra Chang-Graham**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship,  
F30DK112563, NIDDK, 2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Research Poster Award, American Physiological Society, Gastrointestinal & Liver  
Section Trainee Symposium, Experimental Biology, Orlando, FL, 2019  
People's Choice Poster Award, American Society of Physiology, Gastrointestinal & Liver Section Trainee Symposium,  
Experimental Biology, Orlando, FL, 2019

## **Maria Chen**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship,  
F30HL146032, NHLBI, 2019

## **Derrick Chu**

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductee, 2020  
Richard R. Dickason Outstanding Physician Scientist Award, Medical Scientist Training Program, Baylor College of  
Medicine, 2019  
Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2014

## **Christopher Cronkite**

Salih Wakil Memorial Prize Honorable Mention Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation, Biochemistry & Molecular  
Biology, Pharmacology, and Computational, Physical, and Structural Biology Research Conference, Galveston,  
TX, 2019

## **Lois Dodson**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship  
F31HL142185-01, NHLBI, 2018

## **Selma Elsarrag**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship  
F31HL147483, NHLBI, 2019  
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship Award 19PRE34380567, 2019

## **Paul Fahey**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2014  
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship,  
F30MH112312, NIMH, 2016

## **Marcus Florez**

Minority Graduate Student Abstract Achievement Award, American Society of Hematology National Conference 2019,  
Orlando, FL, 2019  
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
Dean's Distinction in Service Learning, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

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## **Tom Gebert**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2019  
Laurence McCullough Travel Scholarship, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Jason George**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30CA213878, NCI, 2017  
Invited speaker, Indian Institute of Science BioSystems Science and Engineering Seminar, Bengaluru, India, 2019

## **Michael Gundry**

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductee, 2020

## **Joanne Hsu**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2015  
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30DK116428, NIDDK, 2017  
Travel Grant Winner, European Hematology Association 24th Congress, Amsterdam, 2019  
Outstanding Community Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar of the Year, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
Best Publication of the Year Award, Translational Biology & Molecular Medicine Graduate Program, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
Publication Award, Medical Scientist Training Program, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
Junior Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) inductee, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020

## **Patrick Hunt**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2016  
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship Award, 20PRE35040011, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best Oral Presentation, BCM Molecular & Human Genetics Retreat, Galveston, TX, 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Best Poster Presentation, 26th Annual Houston Neuroscience Poster Session, Houston, TX, 2019  
Outstanding Community BRASS Scholar of the Year, Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Angad Jolly**

Howard Hughes Medical Research Fellow, 2016  
Student Travel Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020

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## **Zachary Kadow**

BRASS Scholar Service Award, Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
 NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30HL145908-01, NHLBI, 2019  
 Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poster Presentation, Medical Scientist Training Program Symposium, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place Poster Presentation, Graduate Student of Biomedical Sciences Symposium, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
 Invited Speaker, American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA, 2019  
 Invited Speaker, Keystone Symposium: Charting a New Course for Heart Failure: From Discovery to Data, Keystone, CO, 2019  
 Invited Speaker, Surgical Research Day, Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX, 2019  
 Student Travel Award, Keystone Symposium: Charting a New Course for Heart Failure: From Discovery to Data (From NHLBI), 2019  
 Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2016

## **Chiraag Kapadia**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Amanda Koire**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2014  
 Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2013  
 Junior Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductee, 2019

## **Gerry Koons**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2014  
 Graduate Teaching Award for Student Support, Rice University, 2019

## **Peter Kundert**

Best Oral Presentation, Medical Scientist Training Program Retreat, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Michael Lam**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2016

## **Gary Liu**

Travel Award, Association for Chemoreception Sciences 41st Annual Neuroscience Conference, 2019  
 1st Place Oral Presentation Award, Developmental Biology Program, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019  
 Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2015

## **Colleen Brady Longley**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2018  
 NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30MH118804, NIMH, 2019

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## **Heidi Martini-Stoica**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship  
F30AG050412, NIA, 2015  
Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductee, 2020

## **Vicky Mercado**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Jessica Messier**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2012

## **Eric Molina**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship  
F31CA213994, NCI, 2016  
Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) National Board, 2019  
Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians (BNGAP) Trainee Leadership Award, 2020

## **Kristen Meyer Panthagani**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship  
F30HD090891, NICHD, 2017  
International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME) Young Investigator Award, Multi-Omics for Microbiome Conference, Richland, WA, 2019  
Platform Speaker, Genetics and Genomics Department, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Annual Symposium, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 2019

## **Sonia Parra**

NIH-NCI R01 Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research, CA186132-Supplement, NCI, 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Poster Presentation, Second Look Symposium, Medical Scientist Training Program, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX, 2019  
Invited speaker, American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, 2019

## **Jay Patel**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship  
F30DK112571, NIDDK, 2017

## **Rowland Pettit**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

## **Matthew Penna**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2018

## **Amy Pohodich**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2010

## **Valencia Potter**

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship  
F31EY028025, NEI, 2017

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## **Joshua Rosario-S.**

Houston Area Molecular Biophysics Program Training Grant, T32GM008280, NIH, 2018

## **Riyad Seervai**

American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship Award, 19PRE34430069, 2019

Invited Speaker, Keystone Symposia - Cancer Epigenetics: New Mechanisms and Therapeutic Opportunities, Keystone, CO, 2020

Travel Scholarship, American Society for Cell Biology / European Molecular Biology Organization Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2020

Finalist, Carnegie Hall "Just Say Yes" Competition, New York, NY, 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best Poster, 31st Annual Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School Student Symposium, 2019

## **Muhammad Shamim**

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans, 2018

Finalist, Hertz Fellowship, Fannie and John Hertz Foundation, 2019

## **Brandon Smith**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30AR071258, NIAMS, 2017

## **Christopher Sylvester**

Student Travel Award, Institute for Biosciences and Bioengineering, Rice University, 2019

## **Julie Tomolonis**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Place Poster Award, Translational Biology & Molecular Medicine Symposium, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

Poster Finalist, Graduate Student of Biomedical Sciences Symposium, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

Trainee Poster Award, 103rd Annual Immunology Meeting, American Association of Immunologists, San Diego, CA, 2019

## **Eric Wang**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2017

## **Julia Wang**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30HD094503, NICHD, 2018

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2013

Educational Foundation Scholarship, Texas Society of Pathologists, 2020

Invited Speaker, Knockout Mouse Phenotyping Project (KOMP2) & International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium (IMPC) Annual Fall Meeting, National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH Bethesda Campus, MD, 2019

Invited Speaker, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIA), (Remote Presentation), Atlanta, GA, 2019

Invited Speaker, Data Analysis Working Group, International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium, London, UK, 2019

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**Jarey Wang**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, 2014

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2012

**Emma Watson**

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, F31DE027586, NIDCR, 2017

Top 25 Abstract, Plastic Surgery: The Meeting, San Diego, 2019

**Alice Wen**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2019

Francis Kretzer Excellence in Basic Sciences Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

**Reid Wilson**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30DK108541, NIDDK, 2016

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductee, 2020

**William Wu**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2018

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

**Eric Yang**

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award for Dual Degree Fellowship, F30CA213922, NCI, 2017

**Linda Zhang**

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2018

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2018

**Lin Zhu**

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2014

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Inductee, 2020