

Honors and Awards 2022-2023

Benjamin Belfort

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30AG076265, NIA, 2022

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

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30HD104278, NICHD, 2021
Best New Investigator Poster, 42nd Annual Society for Reproductive Investigation Conference, 2022

Angelina Bortoletto

1st Place, Best Oral Presentation, CAGT Symposium, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Invited Speaker, Endocrine Grand Rounds, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

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, 2018

2nd Place, Best Oral Presentation, 32nd Annual Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School Student Research Symposium, 2022

First Place Best Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine, Molecular and Human Genetics Retreat, Galveston, 2022
Student Travel Award, American College of Medical Genetics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Hilda Chan

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

1st Place, Best Oral Presentation, Lester & Sue Smith Breast Cancer Retreat, Houston, TX, 2022

3rd Place, Best Oral Presentation, Roger Rossen Immunology Retreat, Navasota, TX, 2022

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for Immunology & Microbiology, Houston, TX, 2022

Gandhar Datar

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30CA268725, NCI, 2022

Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Moez Dawood

CPRIT Predoctoral Research Training Award, BCM Comprehensive Cancer Training Program, CPRITRP210027, CPRIT, 2021

Kali Deans

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

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), F31DK127543, NIDDK, 2021

Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021

Outstanding Poster Presentation, FASEB Gastrointestinal Tract XX, 2022

Jennifer Deger

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020

Cole Deisseroth

2021 Child Neurology Foundation Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Summer Research Scholarship, Child Neurology Foundation, 2021

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Selma Elsarrag

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), 5F31HL147483, NHLBI, 2019
Finalist, Emerging Basic Scientist Award for Women, AHA, Vascular Discovery Conference, Seattle, 2022

Marcus Florez

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), 1F31HL156500, NHLBI, 2020
1st Place, Best Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program Retreat, Camp Allen, TX, 2022
Travel Grant Award, American Radium Society, Maui, HI, 2023

Thomas 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
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30DK131828, NIDDK, 2022
Vaccines Defend What Matters Most Local Impact Grant, Texas Medical Association, 2022
Quantitative Imaging: From Acquisition to Analysis, NCI, BiImaging Northwest, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, 2022
Best Poster, Virus-Host Relationships, 14th International dsRNA Virus Symposium, 2022
Outstanding Poster Presentation, FASEB Gastrointestinal Tract XX Conference, 2022
Kelly Woodard Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scientific Scholarship, Research, and Leadership, BCM Department of Molecular Virology & Microbiology, 2022
1st Place, Best Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine, Molecular Virology & Microbiology Department Retreat, 2022

Karthik Goli

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2022

Katie Hogan

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), F31DE030333, NIDCR, 2020
Rice University Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering Travel Award, Rice University, 2022

Patrick Hunt

C. Thomas Caskey, M.D. Scholar, 2022
Edward J. and Josephine G. Hudson Scholar, 2022
Richard A. Dickason Outstanding Physician Scientist Award, 2023

Kevin Jiang

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Venkata Jonnakuti

National Library of Medicine (NLM) Training Program in Biomedical Informatics and Data Science, T15LM007093, NLM, 2022-2023

Katherine Kabotyanski

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Zachary Kadow

Baylor College of Medicine MSTP Thesis Publication Award, 2022
College of American Pathologists (CAP) Foundation Medical Student Travel Award, 2022
Alpha Omega Alpha, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

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Mohamed Kady

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Top Three Best Oral Presentation, Powerful Presentations Course, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Chiraag Kapadia

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30DK131638-01A1, NIDDK, 2022
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Joshua Keefe

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2021

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
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Radboud Excellence Initiative of Radboud University Medical Center (Nijmegen, The Netherlands), 2023-2025

Mei-Li Laracuente

AGEP STRIDES (Strengthening Training and Resources for Inclusion in Data Engineering and Sciences) Scholarship, NSF, 2021
NIGMS Research Supplement to Promote Diversity, G10001305, NIGMS, 2022

Colleen Brady Longley

Alpha Omega Alpha, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Yajur Maker

Expanding Horizons Fellowship, Rice University, 2021

Malcolm McDonald

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2021
Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021

Vicki Mercado-Evans

G.E.R.M.: Grants for Emerging Researcher/Clinician Mentorship Program, Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), 2022
Kelly Woodard Graduate Student Leadership Award for 2021, Baylor College of Medicine Department of Molecular Virology and Microbiology, 2022
Finalist for the Alumni Affairs Student Research Showcase, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship for Travel, Gordon Research Conference on Streptococcal Biology, 2022

Oliver Moore

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30HL156669, NHLBI, 2021

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David Moorshead

1st Place, Best Oral Presentation, American Society of Microbiology Texas Medical Center Microbe Symposium, Houston, TX, 2022

3rd Place, Best Elevator Pitch, American Society of Microbiology Texas Medical Center Microbe Symposium, Houston, TX, 2022

Matthew Penna

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), F31AR078646, NIAMS, 2021

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

Rowland Pettit

Alpha Omega Alpha, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Donald A. Elliott M.D., Ph.D., Scholar Award 2022

Juan Romero

3rd Place Poster Presentation, 27th Annual Neuroscience Poster Session, Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS), 2022

Muhammad Shamim

1st Place, Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program Retreat, Camp Allen, TX, 2022

Kavya Singampalli

Janet Butel HIV Trainee Award, Texas Developmental Center for AIDS Research, 2022

Corey St. Romain

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Christopher Sylvester

William, James Silas, and Leo Baines Crump Endowed Scholarship, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Outstanding Service Award, Baylor College of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program, 2022

Outstanding Achievement in Bioengineering Award, Rice Department of Bioengineering, 2022

Apoorva Thatavarty

Hematology Training Program, T32DK060445, NIDDK, 2022

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Claudia Tischler

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2022

Francis L. Kretzer Award for Excellence in Basic Science, Baylor College of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program, 2022

Power of Professionalism Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Sarah Waldvogel

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30HD111129, NIHCD, 2022

Best Overall Poster, Center for Cell and Gene Therapy Retreat, BCM, 2022

Cover art winner, Cancer and Cell Biology Symposium, BCM, 2022

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Nicole Wang

Cullen Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2017

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020

Professor Alexander Yeu-Ming Wang Memorial Scholarship, 35th Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America—Texas Symposium 2022

Invited speaker, Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America Eighteenth International Symposium, 2022

Joseph Li Travel Award, Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America Eighteenth International Symposium, 2022

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

2nd Place, Poster Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine, Medical Scientist Training Program, Second Look Symposium, 2022

1st Place, Poster Presentation, Molecular Genetics of Bacteria and Phage, 2022

1st Place, Oral Presentation, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics Annual Retreat, 2023

Timothy Wu

Oral Presentation Award, Baylor College of Medicine, Genetics and Genomics Retreat, Galveston, TX, 2022

Andrew Yang

CPRIT Predoctoral Research Training Award, Baylor College of Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Training Program, RP210027, 2021

Maryshe Zietsman

John P. McGovern Foundation Scholarship, Baylor College of Medicine, 2018

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

1st Place Best Oral Abstract, Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2022

Invited speaker, Society for Reproductive Innovation, Denver, CO, 2022

Joseph Zoeller

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022