

Honors and Awards

Erik Anderson

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), 1F31NS132517-01, NINDS, 2023
MD Anderson Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship, 2023

Benjamin Belfort

BP America Scholar, 2019
The Cullen Foundation Scholar, 2020
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30AG076265, NIA, 2022

Erin Bolte

Jeffrey M. Rosen Presentation Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2024
Top Poster Award, World of Microbiome Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria, 2023
President's Presenter Award, Society for Reproductive Investigation Conference, Brisbane, Australia, 2023
Kathy Crawford Service Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020
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

Angelina Bortoletto

Sharon E. Plon Mentorship Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2024
Invited Speaker, Grand Rounds: Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism, 2023
Publication Frontispiece & Editor's Choice, Advanced Science, 2022
1st Place Best Oral Presentation, Center for Cell and Gene Therapy Annual Symposium, 2022
Teaching Award, Center for Cell and Gene Therapy Annual Symposium, 2022

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

Daniel Brock

HOMES Clinic Distinction in Clinic Management, HOMES Clinic, 2024
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Travel Grant, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, 2024
3rd Place (Tie), Henry J.N. Taub Young Investigator Award Clinical Science Research, 2024

Phillip Burkhardt

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant (T32), 2T32HL092332-21, NHLBI, 2023

Emily Busse

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

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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
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
2nd Place Oral Presentation Award, Annual Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School Student Research Symposium, 2023
People's Choice Presentation Award, Annual Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School Student Research Symposium, 2023
1st Place Oral Presentation Award, Annual Lester & Sue Smith Breast Center Retreat, 2022
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30CA268872-01, NCI, 2021

Christopher Cronkite

Student Travel Award, International Society for Neurochemistry, 2019
Sahil J. Wakil Memorial Award, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 2019

Gandhar Datar

Invited Speaker, American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2022
Invited Speaker, Biophysics Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2023
Abstract Achievement Award, American Society of Hematology, 2022
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Best Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine Cancer & Cell Biology Graduate Program Student Seminar, 2022
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30CA268725, NCI, 2022

Moez Dawood

CPRIT Predoctoral Research Training Award, Baylor College of Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Training Program, RP210027, CPRIT, 2021
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019

Kali Deans-Fielder

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2018
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
Invited Speaker, Texas Medical Center Digestive Disease Center Research Forum, Houston, TX, 2023
Outstanding Poster Presentation, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Gastrointestinal Meeting, Steamboat, CO, 2022
Student Travel Award, BRASS, 2022
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), F31DK127543, NIDDK, 2021

Jennifer Deger

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Outstanding Community BRASS Scholar of the Year Award, 2022
Service Award in Neuroscience, 2022

Michael Dieffenbach

BP America Biomedical Scholar Endowment, 2023

Mark Durham

American Academy of Neurology Futures in Neurologic Research Scholarship to the Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2024
Texas Department of State Health Services Internship in Clinical Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine Department of Molecular & Human Genetics, 2023
1st Place Best Poster Presentation, MSTP Second Look Research Symposium, 2021
2nd Place Best Oral Presentation, MSTP Annual Retreat, 2021

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Marcus Florez

Richard A. Dickason Outstanding Physician Scientist Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023
American Radium Society Travel Grant Award, American Radium Society, 2022 and 2023
Deborah K. Martin Achievement Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
Minority Hematology Graduate Student Fellowship, American Soc. of Hematology, 2020
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), 1F31HL156500, NHLBI, 2020

Angel Garces

Invited Speaker, *A Lens into Medicine* Podcast, 2023

Brandon Garcia

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

Eric Joshua Garcia

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 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, 2020
Kelly Woodard Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scientific Scholarship, Research, and Leadership, BCM Department of Molecular Virology & Microbiology, 2022
Dean's Award of Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Early Career Author Prize, American Journal of Physiology – Gastrointestinal & Liver, 2022
A.D. Sobel Trainee Scholar Award for Outstanding Research in Experimental Pathology, American Society for Investigative Pathology, 2022
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30DK131828, NIDDK, 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

Kevin Ho

Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship, 2023
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30HL167574, NHLBI, 2023

Raymond Ho

Francis Kretzer Excellence in Medicine Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

Katie Hogan

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), F31DE030333, NIDCR, 2020

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Patrick Hunt

Richard A. Dickason Outstanding Physician Scientist Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Rolanette & Berdon Lawrence Family Achievement Award in Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine Department of Molecular & Human Genetics, 2021
Kathy Crawford Service Award, Baylor College of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program, 2020
Gold Humanism Honor Society, Baylor College of Medicine, 2017
Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2016
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship, 20PRE35040011, AHA, 2020

Kevin Jiang

3rd Place Poster, 29th Annual UT Health Neuroscience Symposium, Cooley Center, 2023
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Francis Kretzer Excellence in Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
Distinction in Foundational Science, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021

Venkata Jonnakuti

John P. McGovern Clerkship Student Performance Award Nomination, Baylor College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, 2023
NIH National Library of Medicine Fellowship in Biomedical Informatics and Data Science, 2021
3rd Place, Massachusetts General Hospital "Hack for X-Linked Dystonia-Parkinsonism" Therapeutics Coding Challenge, 2023
1st Place, Johns Hopkins Hospital "Using Smart Devices and Integrated Medical History to Enhance Access-To-Care" Coding Challenge, 2021
2nd Place, Children's Tumor Foundation Neurofibromatosis Coding Challenge, 2021

Katherine Kabotyanski

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Trainee Professional Development Award, Society for Neuroscience – Burroughs Wellcome Fund, 2023

Mohamed Kady

Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021

Chiraag Kapadia

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Kathy Crawford Service Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
Invited Speaker, American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, 2023
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30DK131638-01A1, NIDDK, 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
Cullen M.D./Ph.D. Fellow, Cullen Trust for Higher Education, 2019

Ishika Khondaker

1st Place Best Oral Presentation, Rice University Bioengineering Department Retreat, Galveston, TX, 2024
Invited Speaker, Best Abstracts in Endocrinology, North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference, Phoenix, AZ, 2023

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Mei-Li Laracuent

NIH Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity (F31), 1R35GM143101 Parent Award, 2022
NSF Strengthening Training and Resources for Inclusion in Data Engineering and Sciences (STRIDES), 2021
Rice Innovation Fellow, 2022

Christina Magyar

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2020
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
3rd Place, SHIFT Case Competition, Texas A&M University, Rural Health Issue Hackathon, 2019

Yajur Maker

1st Place Poster Award, Nature Conference: Bioengineering for Global Health, Nashville, TN, 2023
1st Place Poster Award, Rice Bioengineering Symposium, Galveston, TX, 2024
Invited Speaker, M.D./Ph.D. National Conference, Copper Mountain, CO, 2023
Invited Speaker, NIH Research and Innovation Translation Partnerships in Point-of-Care Technologies Conference and Technology Showcase, Washington D.C., 2023
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30CA281115, NCI, 2023

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
Distinction in Foundational Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Outstanding Community BRASS Scholar of the Year Award, 2023

Vicki Mercado-Evans

1st Place Poster Award, Molecular Virology and Microbiology Retreat, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023
1st Place Poster Award, Molecular Basis of Infectious Disease Retreat, 2023
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022
Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Immunology and Microbiology, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
Kelly Woodard Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scientific Scholarship, Research, and Leadership, Baylor College of Medicine Department of Molecular Virology & Microbiology, 2021
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), 1F31AI167547-01, NIAID, 2021
Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholarship, 2019

Oliver Moore

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30HL156669, NHLBI, 2021
Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021

David Moorshead

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
1st Place Best Oral Presentation, Texas Medical Center Microbe Symposium, Houston, TX, 2022
3rd Place Elevator Pitch Competition, Texas Medical Center Microbe Symposium, Houston, TX, 2022

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Emily Park

Bert W. O'Malley, M.D. Student Scholar in Medical Research Award, Diana Helis Henry Medical Research Foundation and the Adrienne Helis Mavin Medical Research Foundation, 2023
Cell and Gene Therapy T32 Training Program Award, 2T32HL092332-21, Baylor College of Medicine Center for Cell and Gene Therapy, 2023
2nd Place Best Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine Center for Cell and Gene Therapy Symposium, 2023

Shahil Pema

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

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

Rafael Polo Prieto

Cullen Foundation Scholarship Award, 2022

Jacey Pridgen

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2023

Juan Carlos Ramirez

Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2024
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F31), F31NS135914, NINDS, 2024

Juan Romero

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

Joshua Rosario-Sepulveda

Houston Area Molecular Biophysics Program (HAMBP) Training Grant, Gulf Coast Consortia, 2018
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2018

Caroline Sands

Abstract Achievement Award, American Society of Hematology, 2023

Muhammad Shamim

Medical Student Award, American Society for Clinical Pathology, 2023
Donald A. Elliott M.D., Ph.D., Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

Kavya Singampalli

Outstanding Student Oral Presentation Award, The 37th International Conference on Micro Electro Mechanical Systems, Austin, TX, 2024
Student Travel Award, The 37th International Conference on Micro Electro Mechanical Systems, Austin, TX, 2024
Janet Butel HIV Training Award, Texas Developmental Center for AIDS Research, 2022
Top Poster Presentation Award, Houston Global Health Collaborative, 2023

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Snigdha Srivastava

McNair Teaching Fellow, 2023

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021

Cullen Foundation Scholarship Award, 2021

American Psychiatry Association Helping Hands Award, 2020

Corey St. Romain

Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

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

Distinction in Foundational Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine, 2020

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30AG085919-01, NIA, 2023

Colleen Strohle

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2023

Mitchell Sun

Best 3 Minute Thesis, NIH OxCam Colloquium, 2023

Apoorva Thatavarty

Hematology Training Program, T32DK060445, NHLBI, 2022

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021

2nd Place Oral Presentation, International Society of Experimental Hematology Pre-Meeting Session, New York, 2023

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

Dean's Distinction in Foundational Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Francis Kretzer Excellence in Medicine Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Power of Professionalism Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2022

Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

Michal Tyrlik

Baylor Research Advocates for Student Scientists (BRASS) Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023

Sarah Van Winkle

Finalist, INSTINCT Shark Tank Competition, Baylor College of Medicine Department of Surgery, 2023

Sarah Waldvogel

1st Place Best Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine Center for Cell and Gene Therapy Annual Retreat, 2023

Abstract Achievement Award, American Society of Hematology, 2023

1st Place Best Poster, Baylor College of Medicine Center for Cell and Gene Therapy Annual Retreat, 2022

Robert and Janice McNair M.D./Ph.D. Scholar, Robert and Janice McNair Foundation/McNair Medical Institute M.D./Ph.D. Scholars Program, 2020

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

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), 1F30HD111129-01, NIHCD, 2022

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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

Nicole Wang

1st Place Best Poster Presentation, MSTP Second Look Research Symposium, 2023
Student Travel Award, Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America, 2022
Professor Alexander Yeu-Ming Wang Memorial Scholarship, Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America, 2022
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019
Cullen Scholar, Baylor College of Medicine, 2017

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
1st Place Poster, Molecular Genetics of Bacteria and Phages Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022
Francis Kretzer Excellence in Medicine Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019
1st Place Oral Presentation, Baylor College of Medicine Molecular & Human Genetics Annual Retreat, 2023
Travel Award, Society of Academic Emergency Medicine, American Physician Scientist Association Joint Conference Travel Award, AAP/ASCI/APSA Joint Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2023
Poster Finalist, BCM Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Annual Symposium, 2023

Timothy Wu

2nd Place Poster Award, Nancy Chang, Ph.D. Research Symposium, 2023
3rd Place Speaker Award, Baylor College of Medicine Molecular & Human Genetics Annual Retreat, 2022
Invited Speaker, Religious Orders Study/Memory and Aging Project (ROSMAP) Investigators' Meeting, 2021

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, 2019
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2019
2nd Place Best Poster Presentation, MSTP Second Look Research Symposium, 2023
3rd Place Best Poster Presentation, MSTP Second Look Research Symposium, 2021
Francis Kretzer Excellence in Medicine Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2018

Andrew Yang

Dean's Award for Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2023
Professor John J. Trentin Scholarship Awards for Academic Excellence, Baylor College of Medicine, 2021
NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral NRSA for Dual Degree Fellowships (F30), F30CA278316, NCI, 2023

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
Speaker and Abstract Achievement Travel Award Recipient, American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2022
3rd Place Best Oral Presentation, BCM Cell and Gene Therapy Annual Retreat, 2022
Don D. Jordan Outstanding Trailblazer Scientist Award, BRASS, 2023
James R. Lupski Publication Award, Baylor College of Medicine, 2024