

EPGP STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS (to 2008)

Nicole Arrigo

- 2008 "Who's Who" in Science award recipient
- 2008 Recipient of Training Award from the Univ of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) to attend IGCC *Public Policy & Biological Threats* summer seminar
- 2008- Co-president, Experimental Pathology Graduate Student Organization
- 2007-2008 Recipient of T32-AI060549 training grant from NIH-sponsored Biodefense Training Program
- 2005-2006 Twice recipient of the TO1/CCT622892 Fellowship Training Grant in Vector-Borne
- 2005- UTMB GSBS Curriculum Committee Student Representative
- 2005- UTMB Student Representative for Ex Path Recruitment Committee

Aaron Brault

- 2001 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award
- 2001 James E. Beall II Memorial Scholarship & the Stephen C. Silverthorne Memorial Award
- 2000 Center for Tropical Diseases Graduate Student Award
- 2000 Doctor Edward Storrs Reynolds, Jr., M.D. Experimental Pathology Scholarship Award
- 1999-2000 McLaughlin Infection & Immunity Fellowship
- 1998 NIH Emerging Tropical Infectious Disease Fellowship
- 1997 NIH Emerging Tropical Infectious Disease Fellowship
- 1995 NIH Undergraduate Research Training Grant

Juliet Bryant

- 2003 GSBS Christina Fleischmann Travel Award
- 2002 Zelda Zinn Casper Scholarship Award
- 2001 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award

Lark Coffey

- 2002-2003 Chair, Experimental Pathology Graduate Student Organization
- 2001-2002 Committee Member, Graduate School Admissions and Recruitment Committee

Charles Todd Davis

- 2005 Robert Bennett Tuition Scholarship Award
- 2004 McLaughlin Fellowship Award

Eleanor Deardorff

- 2008 Hector P. Garcia Cultural Competence Essay Contest, Third Place.
- 2006-2007 James W. McLaughlin Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2006-2007 T32 NIH Training Grant in Biodefense
- 2004-2006 T01/CCT622892 CDC Fellowship Training Grant in Vector Borne Infectious Diseases i
- 2005 Third Place, Edward S. Reynolds Award for Mechanistic/Basic Science Research by a Graduate Student. Pathology Trainee Research Poster Session

Melanie Dobbs, Ph.D.

- 2004 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award
- 2004 McLaughlin Fellowship Award

Amber Engel, Ph.D.

- 1995-1998 Academic Dean's List
- 1998 NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Award
- 2002 Molecular/Cell Biology Research Award, University of Texas Medical Branch
- 2004 ASV Student Travel Award
- 2004 Selected as one of two graduate students to give oral presentation at International Symposium entitled "The Changing landscape of Vaccine Development: Vaccines for Emerging Diseases"
- 2004-2006 NIH T32 Emerging and Tropical Infectious Disease Training Grant
- 2005 Robert L. Harrison Award for Molecular/Cell Biology, Department of Pathology Poster Day

Brian Friedrich

- 2006 Travel Grant (Development of Anti-Retroviral Therapies (DART) Conference)
- 2006 Chairman's Poster Award (DART)
- 2008 American Society of Virology Travel Grant for 2008 Conference

Ivorlyne Greene, Ph.D.

- 2000-2001 NIH Minority Predoctoral Fellowship

Greg Gromowski

- 2006 American Society for Virology Student Travel Award
- 2006-2007 NIAID T32 Emerging and Tropical Infectious Diseases trainee
- 2007- NIAID T32 Biodefense trainee (AI060549)
- 2007 Robert L. Harrison Award for Molecular/Cell Biology Research
- 2007 James W. McLaughlin Travel Award
- 2007-2008 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- 2008 James W. McLaughlin Travel Award

Neil Haycocks, Ph.D.

- 1997-1998 T32 NIH Training Grant Fellowship
- 1999 McLaughlin Fellowship
- 2000 Merck Travel Award
- 2000 T32 NIH Training Grant Fellowship (declined)

Melissa Herbst-Kralovetz, Ph.D.

- 2003 Zelda Zinn Casper Scholarship
- 2004 McLaughlin Fellowship
- 2004 GSBS Associates Award
- 2004 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- 2005 Sealy Center for Vaccine Development Graduate Student Award

Jeffery Jordan, Ph.D.

- 2004 Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society
- 2004 Edward S. Reynolds Award for Mechanistic Basic Research by a Graduate Student, First Place, Department of Pathology, UTMB
- 2004 Truman Graves Blocker, Jr. Research Scholars Award, M.D./Ph.D. Combined Degree Program, UTMB
- 2006 Edward S. Reynolds Award for Mechanistic Basic Research by a Graduate Student, Second Place, Department of Pathology, UTMB
- 2006 Edward S. Reynolds, M.D. Experimental Pathology Graduate Scholarship
- 2007 American Society of Investigative Pathology Trainee Travel Award

Jeeba Kuriakose

- 2003 BEST POSTER AWARD/Toxicology Scholarship - University of Texas Medical Branch (Sponsored by Toxicology Training Grant NIEHS)

Heather Lander

- 2004 UTMB Edward S. Reynolds Award for Mechanistic Basic Research for poster "Effects of Junin Virus Infection on Endothelial Cell Adherens Junctions" (2nd Place)
- 2005 UTMB Edward S. Reynolds Award for Mechanistic Basic Research for poster "Effects of Junin Virus Infection on Endothelial Cell Adherens Junctions" (2nd Place)
- 2008 UTMB Edward S. Reynolds Award for Mechanistic Basic Research for poster "Effects of Junin Virus Infection on Endothelial Cell Adherens Junctions" (2nd Place)
- 2005 ASM/NAS IUMS Travel Grant
- 2006-2007 NIH Predoctoral Biodefense Training Grant
- 2007-2008 NIH Predoctoral Biodefense Training Grant

Scott Long, Ph.D.

- 2001 Blocker Scholar Fellowship in Biomedical Research Award
- 2003 McLaughlin Fellowship Award
- 2004 McLaughlin Fellowship Award
- 2005 Christina Fleischmann Travel Award
- 2006 Zhou Sisters Great Expectations Scholarship

Claudia Marcela Diaz Montero, Ph.D.

- 2001 Center for Tropical Diseases Graduate Student Award
- 1998 Clayton Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- 1996 Boguish Memorial Scholarship

Kate McElroy, Ph.D.

- 2006 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence
- 2005 Young Investigator Award (Honorable Mention), American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
- 2004 Elected to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- 2004 Sealy Center for Vaccine Development Award for Student Poster Presentation
The Changing Landscape of Vaccine Development
San Luis Hotel, Galveston, Texas
- 2004 Named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities"
- 2003 Pathology Department Award for Molecular/Cell Biology Research by a Graduate Student-
Honorable Mention, Experimental Pathology Poster Session
- 2001 Basic Biomedical Science Curriculum Scholarship
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Charles McGee

- 2004-2007 Centers for Disease Control Fellowship Training Program in Vector-Borne
Infectious Diseases T01/CCT622892
- 2006-2007 Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities
- 2007 American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Travel Award Recipient
- 2007 UTMB Graduate School of Biomedical Science Associates Scholarship
- 2007 Edward S. Reynolds Scholarship
- 2007-2008 NIH T32 AI 07526 Training Grant in Emerging and Tropical Infectious
Diseases
- 2008 American Society for Virology Travel Award Recipient

Rania Milleron Cruz, Ph.D.

- 1999 Association for Women in Science Scholarship
- 1999-2001 NIH Tropical Emerging Disease Training Grant
- 2002 Margaret Saunders Travel Award

Kathleen Moore Marriott, Ph.D.

- 1996-1998 Welch Department Grant
- 1997 Honorable Mention for Mechanistic Basic Research Award, Pathology Poster Session

Shannan Rossi, Ph.D.

- 2004-2005 American Society of Virology Travel Award
- 2004 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award
- 2003-2004 NIH T32 Training Grant, #T32 AI 7526
- 2004-2005 NIH T32 Training Grant, #AI 060549-01
- 2005-2007 McLaughlin Endowment Fund Grant
- 2007 Retirees Award
- 2007 Center for Tropical Diseases Graduate Student Award
- 2008 Deans Award for Academic Excellence

2008 Fine Foundation Scholar (supports young investigators in the field of emerging infectious diseases)

Brad Schneider, Ph.D.

2006 Awarded the Arthur V. Simmang Scholarship, University of Texas Medical Branch
2005 Accepted from an international pool of applicants to participate in the prestigious Biology of Disease Vectors Course, Bangkok, Thailand and tuition/accommodations supported by UNICEF-UNDP-World Bank-WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases and John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
2006 Designated as "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities"
2003-2006 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Vector-Borne Infectious Disease Fellowship Training Grant
2005-2006 Awarded the Zelda Zinn Casper Merit Based Grant (\$22,000), University of Texas Medical Branch.
2002-2006 Cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for graduate education.
2005 Manuscript awarded Charles C. Shepard Science Award for excellence in science achievement by authors of outstanding scientific papers, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia.
2005 Awarded the James H. Nakano Citation for outstanding scientific publication, National Centers for Infectious Disease.
2004-2006 Elected into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.
2001 Honor Award: Employee of the Quarter. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Disease.
2001 Manuscript nominated for Health and Human Services' Shepard Award (An Analysis of Spirochete Load, Strain, and Pathology in a Model of Lyme Borreliosis).
2000 Partners in Public Health Award. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Honor Awards.
2007 Nominated for the American Association for Advancement of Science/Science Program for Excellence in Science
2007 Philippe Foundation International Scholar

Darci Smith, Ph.D.

2000 National Center for Infectious Disease Honor Award Certificate
2000 Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for research done as a part of the West Nile Virus group.
2003-2004 CDC Training Grant in Vector Biology
2005 Keck Center for Virus Imaging Fellowship

Heather Stevenson, Ph.D.

2003 Truman Graves Blocker Jr. Research Scholar, McLaughlin Scholarship for Infection and Immunity Research, UTMB
2005 Awarded membership to the of the honor society of *Phi Kappa Phi*, UTMB
2005 School of Medicine Best Overall Poster Award, National Student Research Forum, UTMB
2005 McLaughlin Foundation Award for Best Poster in Infection and Immunity Research, National Student Research Forum, UTMB
2006 American Society for Rickettsiology Travel Award
2006 Robert Harrison, M.D. Memorial M.D./Ph.D. Scholarship, UTMB
2006 Mechanistic/Basic Research, Edward S. Reynolds First Place Poster Award, Experimental Pathology Department Research Day, UTMB
2006 Sigma Xi First Place Poster Award, National Student Research Forum, UTMB
2006-2007 Bromberg Scholar, The Bromberg Charitable Trust, NIEHS Center and The Sealy Center for Environmental Health and Medicine, UTMB

Danyel Tacker Hermes, Ph.D.

2003 Society of Toxicology Travel Award

2004 McLaughlin Award

Gustavo Valbuena, Ph.D.

1998-1999 George Dock Scholar Award

Nikolaos Vasilakis, Ph.D.

2001 Wyeth – Ayerst Research 'Above and Beyond' Award

2004 Poster Award Recipient for Vasilakis et al. "Coexpression of HN and F glycoproteins of human parainfluenza virus type 3 (PIV3) in alphavirus replicon is a potent vaccine for PIV3 infection with unique features -implication for new vaccine design". Presented at 'The Changing Landscape of Vaccine Development: Translating Vaccines for Emerging Diseases and Biodefense to the Marketplace' Symposium, Galveston

2006 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

2007 Robert L. Harrison Award for Molecular/Cell Biology Research

2007 American Society of Virology Travel Award to attend 26th ASV – Corvallis, OR

2007 Dennis Bowman Memorial Scholarship Award

Erin Webb Scott, Ph.D.

2003 Honorable Mention: Robert L. Harrison Award for Pathologic/Clinical/Applied Research: Pathology Trainee Research session

2004 Edward S. Reynolds Award for Mechanistic Basic Research: Pathology Trainee Research session

Ted Whitworth

2002 Award of the American Society for Rickettsiology

Michael Woods, Ph.D.

2004 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

2005 Dean's Student Service Award

Sara Woodson

2005-2006 University of Texas Medical Branch Dean's Tuition Scholarship recipient

2007-2008 Nominated and accepted into the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Michele Zacks, Ph.D.

2000 Honorable Mention, Robert L Harrison Award for Pathologic/Clinical Research Annual Pathology Trainee Research Session

2001 Honorable Mention, Pathology Department Award for Molecular/Cell Biology Annual Pathology Department Trainee Research Session

2001-2004 James W. McLaughlin Pre-doctoral Fellowship Award for Infection & Immunity

2004 Honorable Mention, Pathology Department Award for Molecular/Cell Biology Annual Pathology Department Trainee Research Session

2007 National Association of Science Writers (NASW) Freelance Travel Fellowship Sponsored by NASW to attend 2007 Annual Science in Society Meeting, Spokane, WA

Sarah Ziegler

2004 Graduate Student Advisor, Chemistry Club

2004-2006 Member, Graduate Student Council

2005-2006 Associate Member, American Association for Cancer Research

2007-present Senior Co-Director, National Student Research Forum