



# *The University of Oklahoma*

## *Health Sciences Center*

BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

### DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS MEMORANDUM (BMB SRA AWARD)

TO: All Faculty, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

FROM: Awards Committee: Martin Levine (Chair)

Members: Jay Hanas (BMB), Jialing Lin (BMB), Blaine Mooers (BMB), Tim Mather (OMRF), Lijun Xia (OMRF).

SUBJECT: Consideration of qualified students for the BMB SRA Award and the Graduate Student Association's Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation and Outstanding Masters' Thesis Awards

DATE: April 19, 2016

The BMB SRA AWARD, formerly the Gray Research Achievement Award, is a cash award to a deserving graduate student annually or as appropriate. The purpose of the Award is to encourage our students by recognizing their research achievements early in their careers, usually in their senior year or just after graduation.

Eligible graduate students must have passed the General Examination for Admission to Ph.D. Candidacy or to have completed their Ph.D. thesis by January of the year for which the Award nomination is made. A previous awardee is not eligible. Previous winners and a brief summary of their research are listed under Graduate Programs, Student Awards on our web-site at (<http://w3.ouhsc.edu/biochem/awards.htm>).

The Awards Committee will meet each December to evaluate all eligible students, based on their BMB Annual Graduate Student Research Report and the Report of the Dissertation Committee filed either in the Calendar year of the Award, or prior to Graduation. The Awards Committee will identify up to three candidates for the Award and solicit their nomination.

Notwithstanding, any Faculty Member of our Department may draw the Committee's attention to significant achievements not listed in the most recent Annual Evaluation Form, or just nominate an eligible student for the award.

An unsolicited nomination should be submitted **by the end of the fall semester each year**. A nomination solicited by the Awards Committee will usually be requested in January of the following year.

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The Committee will submit the results with its recommendations to be approved by the Department Chairman.

The following is required or will be requested by the committee to nominate a candidate:

1. A nominating letter describing the student's research achievements and abilities. The letters and the accompanying materials should be addressed to the Awards Committee Chairperson.
2. Complete CV of the student, including complete citations of all published papers and abstracts.
3. Reprints or manuscripts (no more than three items).

**Other Awards:**

Outstanding OUHSC Doctoral Dissertation: The Committee will forward the BMB SRA Awardee or the runner-up if the Awardee had not graduated in the calendar year for which they received the BMB SRA Award.

Outstanding OUHSC Masters' Thesis Award: The committee will note all MS graduates and select one as a candidate for the OUHSC Masters' Award.

Additional Awards: This Committee will also take appropriate action to select and/or nominate candidates for other Graduate Student awards emanating from the Department or the University.