



2019-2020 Department of Cell and Systems Biology Graduate Awards

Valerie Anderson Award

To be awarded on the basis of academic merit (research and course work) to an outstanding graduate student in any subdiscipline of Plant Biology. Nominations may be made by any member of the Department of Cell & Systems Biology and the recipient will be selected by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department.

2019 Tatiana Ruiz Bedoya
2018 Ahmed Hamam
2017 Purva Karia
2016 Jennifer Doucet
2015 Duncan Holbrook-Smith

Kenneth C. Fisher Fellowship

This award recognizes a graduate student in Cell & Systems Biology who maintains a high standard of academic and research achievement, balanced with outstanding extra-curricular contributions to their department, faculty, or the university as a whole.

2019 Kevin Xue
2018 Amir Arellano Saab
2017 Abdiwahab Moalim
2016 Sasha Weiditch
2015 Benjamin Scott

Sheila Freeman Graduate Award in Zoology

One graduate fellowship to be awarded to an incoming or in-progress CSB graduate student who is focusing his/her studies in animal biology. The award is made on the basis of financial need, academic merit will also be considered.

2019 Kamar Nayal
2018 Dennison Trinh
2017 Debanjan Barua
2016 Afif Aqrabawi
2015 Laura Sedra

Dr. Clara Winifred Fritz Memorial Fellowship in Plant Pathology

The fellowship is awarded to a graduate student studying in the area of plant pathology and is awarded on the basis of academic excellence.

2019 Francis Lee
2018 Derek Seto
2017 Sonhita Chakraborty
2016 Bradley Laflamme
2015 Carina Carianopol & Eliana Vonapartis

Duncan L. Gellatly Memorial Fellowship

To be awarded each year to one or two graduate students demonstrating excellence in Virology and/or Molecular Biology research.

2019 Jonathan Burnie and Pallavi Pilaka
2018 Taraneh Zarin
2017 Hayley Nelles & Carina Carianopol
2016 Shen Yen Hsu & Derek Seto
2015 Alexander Mosa & Virlana Shchuka

Yoshio Masui Prize in Developmental, Molecular or Cellular Biology

To be awarded to a master's or doctoral student in the Department of Cell & Systems Biology on the basis of academic merit. International students are encouraged to apply.

2019 Gordana Scepanovic
2018 Nicholas Guilbeault
2017 Serge Parent
2016 Junior West
2015 Zahra Dargaei

David F. Mettrick Fellowship

To be awarded to a qualified graduate student in the Department of Cell & Systems Biology engaging in any aspect of zoological research.

2019 Mouly Rahman
2018 Rida Ansari
2017 Amanda Facciol
2016 Raphael Brisset Di Roberto
2015 Steven Tran

Dr. Klaus Rothfels Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic standing and the need of financial support to a graduate student in the Department of Cell & Systems Biology.

2019 Samantha Lauby
2018 Sherin Mohammed Shibin
2017 Xinyi Liang
2016 Amanda Miles
2015 Paige Homme

Senior Alumni Association Prize in Cell & Systems Biology

To be awarded to graduate students in the Department of Cell & Systems Biology (Master's or PhD level) on the basis of financial need. Academic merit will also be considered.

2019 Deka Mohamed
2018 Trisha Mahtani
2017 Ariana Besik
2016 Stephanie Prezioso
2015 Tea Pavlovic

Hilbert and Reta Straus Award

The award is made annually to a full-time graduate student who has demonstrated high research achievement in the fields of plant molecular or cellular biology. Students can only receive this award once.

2019 Michael Kanaris
2018 Stuart Macgregor
2017 Francis Lee
2016 Eliana Vonapartis
2015 Jennifer Doucet

Vietnamese-Canadian Community Graduate Award in Zoology

To be awarded to a master's or doctoral student studying animal biology based on academic merit. Students must have maintained an overall A-minus average over the last two years of study. Recipients should also exhibit research ability/potential, good communication skills and interpersonal/leadership abilities.

2019 June Bang
2018 Annik Yalnizyan-Carson
2017 Yuen Yan Wong
2016 Colleen Gillon
2015 Miranda Hunter

Elizabeth Ann Wintercorbyn Award

One award is made annually to a graduate student in the Department of Cell & Systems Biology engaged in research work which is likely to prove beneficial to Agriculture and the second award is for a graduate student engaged in research work which is likely to prove useful to Medicine.

2019 Alexandre Martel and Gurdeep Singh
2018 Choden Shrestha & Sonhita Chakraborty
2017 Ahmed Hasan & Sara Hegazi
2016 Francis Lee & Danielle Garand
2015 Jamie Waese & Alex Sin

Ramsay Wright Scholarship in Cell and Systems Biology

To be awarded to a graduate student in the Department of Cell and Systems Biology who is engaged in research in zoology.

2019 Thanh Phung
2018 Arthur Cheng
2017 Sara Pintwala & Mariela Faykoo-Martinez
2016 Benjamin Scott & Lucia Mendoza Viveros
2015 Wilfred de Vega & Andrea D'Aquila

Zoology International Scholarships

Awarded to foreign students that are at UofT on Student Authorizations (visa students) registered as full-time graduate students in the Department of Cell & Systems Biology who have at least a B+ average over their previous two years. Two scholarships to be awarded on the basis of academic performance and financial need.

2019 Luis Abatti and Renan Almeida
2018 Casey Read & Tatiana Ruiz Bedoya
2017 Amir Arellano Saab & Gurdeep Singh
2016 Shaowei Dong & Ahmed Elbassiouny
2015 Yixie Zhang & Purnima Kompella

Zoology Sesquicentennial Graduate Award

To be awarded to a graduate student enrolled in full-time studies in CSB, on the basis of academic merit. Financial need may also be considered.

2019 Morley Willoughby
2018 Steven Chen
2017 Catherine Deane
2016 Christine Nguyen
2015 Alex Van Nynatten

Alfred and Florence Aiken and Dorothy Woods Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Cell and Systems Biology

To be awarded to a graduate student in the Department of Cell and Systems Biology, on the basis of academic merit.

2019 Wassim Elkhatib
2018 Afif Aqrabawi
2017 Nadia Morson
2016 Roxanne Fournier
2015 Trisha Mahtani

Rustom H. Dastur Graduate Scholarship in Cell and Systems Biology

To be awarded to graduate students studying plant sciences on the basis of academic merit.

2019 Kathryn McTavish
2018 Ahmad Hasan

Joan M. Coleman Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)

Value: \$15,000

Awarded to a graduate student in Cell & Systems Biology on the basis of academic excellence. Recipients should also exhibit research ability/potential, good communication skills and interpersonal/leadership abilities. Preference is given to a student studying in the field of Plant Molecular Biology.

2019 Shen Yen Hsu
2018 Anna Van Weringh
2017 Sonhita Chakraborty
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2015 Eliana Vonapartis
2014 Devrim Coskun

Sherwin S. Desser Ontario Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST)

Value: \$15,000

Awarded to a graduate student in Cell & Systems Biology on the basis of academic excellence. Recipients should also exhibit research ability/potential, good communication skills and interpersonal/leadership abilities.

2019 Justin Jarovi
2018 Alexander Myrka
2017 Christine Nguyen
2016 Amanda Miles
2015 Zahra Dargaei
2014 Wilfred de Vega