

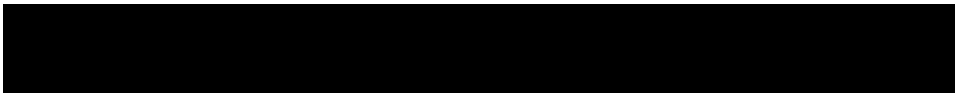
Congratulations to the MCB Class of 2021!

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May 25, 2021



The MCB Department is so proud of each and every one of you! Your remarkable passion, determination, and perseverance deserve to be celebrated. Please enjoy our **virtual commencement video** featuring our keynote faculty speaker **Elçin Ünal**, student speaker **Vy Pham**, messages from faculty, and student-created commencement slides. Join us in celebrating all our graduates, the 2021 MCB Commencement Honors awardees (below), and the success of our inaugural Senior Gift Campaign which raised funds for student research stipends.



Molecular and Cell Biology 2021 Commencement



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/Z7zUNDzvIK4>

2021 MCB Undergraduate Commencement Honors

The following are the recipients of our annual undergraduate awards for research and academic achievement.

Departmental Citation

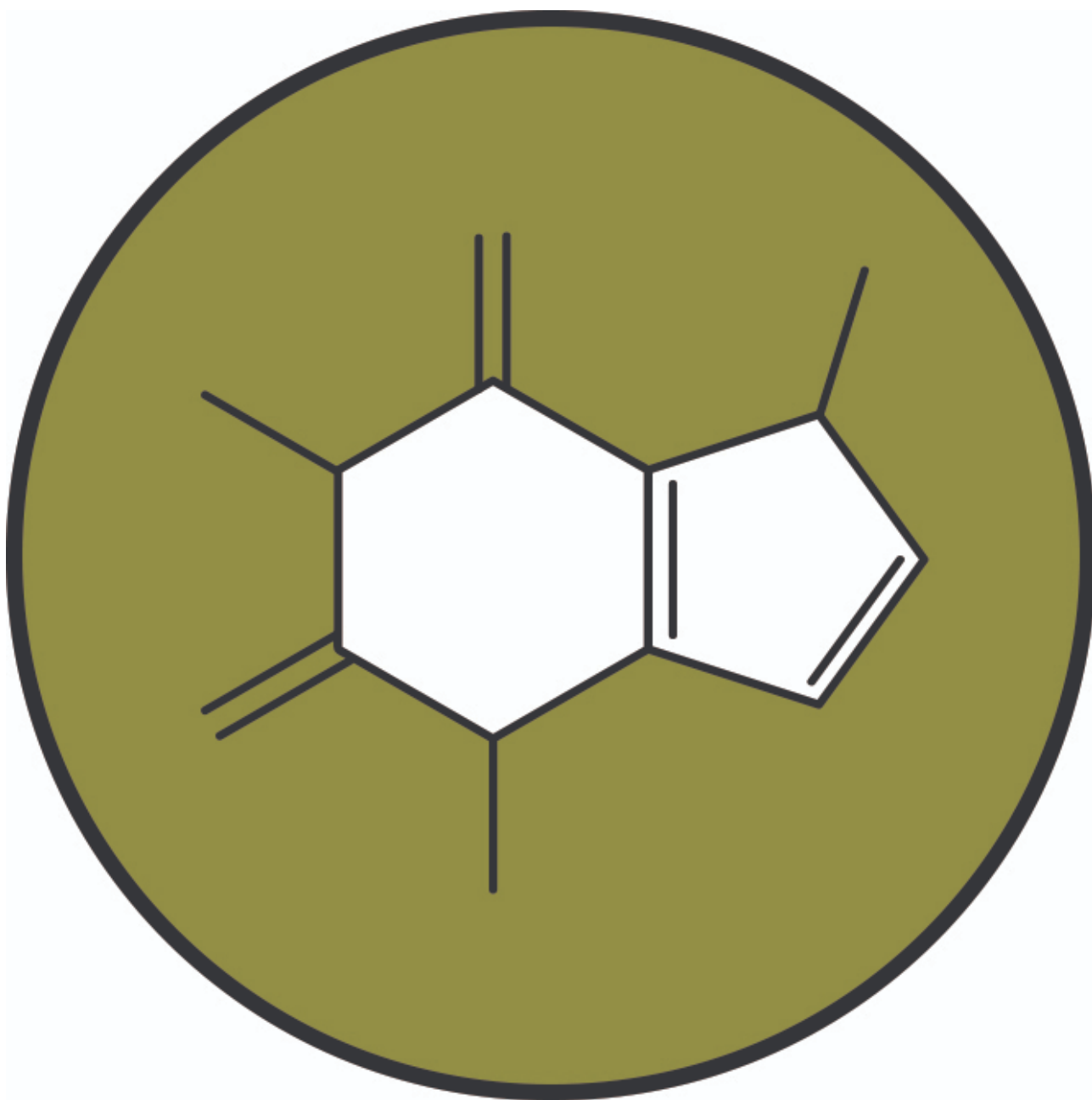
Awarded for the highest achievement each year by a graduating senior in MCB.

Evelyn Chen

Outstanding Scholars

Awarded for the second-highest achievement of a graduating senior in MCB.

Nevan Powers, Naama Weksler, Tyler Wills, Victor Yu



DIVISION OF BIOCHEMISTRY, BIOPHYSICS & STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

Grace Fimognari Memorial Prize

Awarded to the graduating senior in the BMB emphasis, based on the same criteria as the Departmental Citation.

Rosa Lee

Kazuo Gerald Yanaba & Ting Jung Memorial Prize

This award is based on the students' oral presentation of their research at the annual BMB Undergraduate Honors Research Symposium and by their honors theses.

Curtis Beck

Jesse Rabinowitz Memorial Prize

Awarded to an outstanding junior in the BMB emphasis, based on academic achievement in MCB courses and faculty recommendation.

Shivani Bhandarkar

BMB Best Poster

Shivani Bhandarkar, Sage Templeton



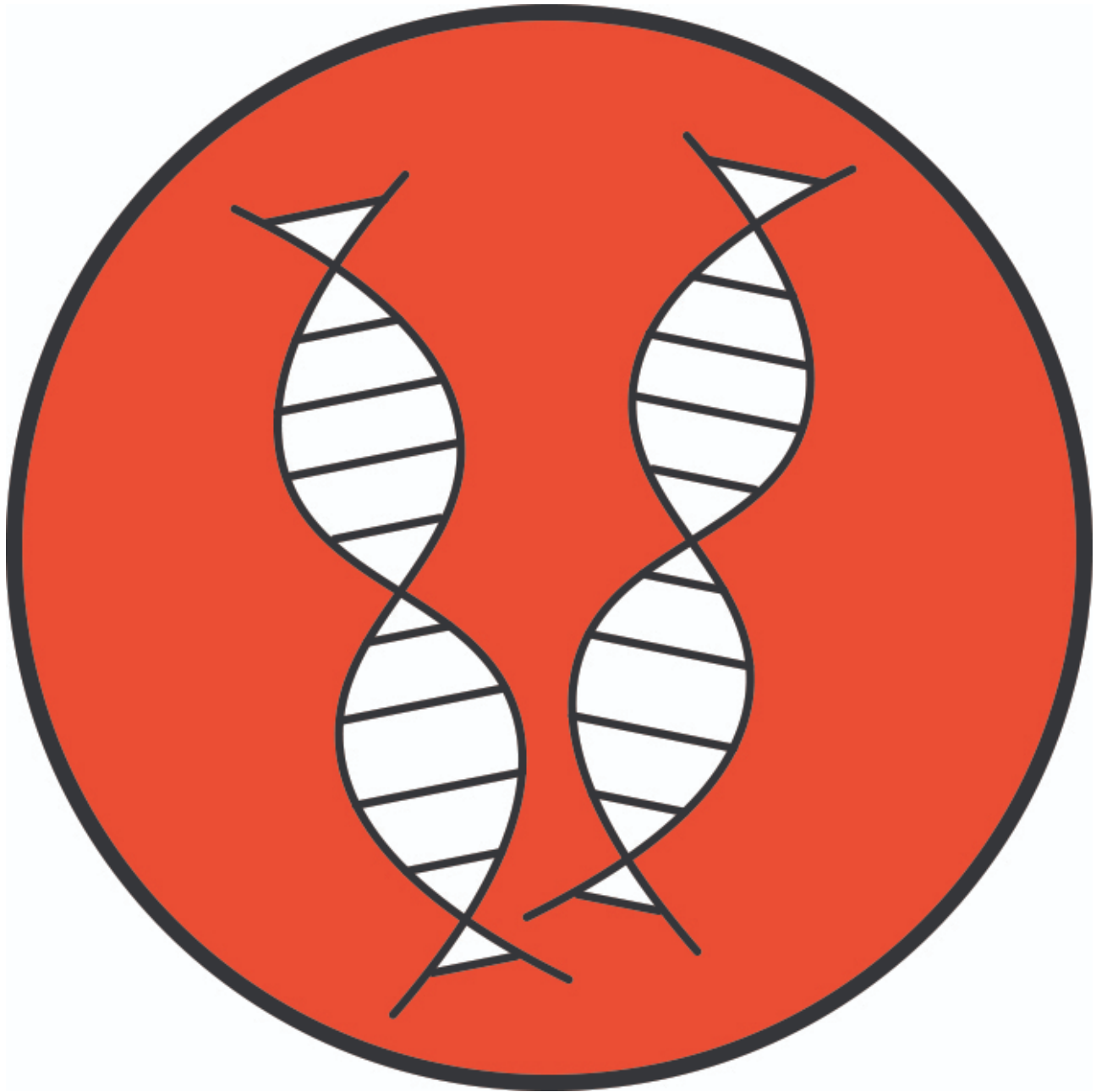
DIVISION OF CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Evans Memorial Prize

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement and excellence in molecular physiology or anatomy.

Felicia Tang

<p>Forte Memorial Prize In recognition of outstanding academic achievement in molecular physiology</p>	Yichen Zhu
<p>Paola S. Timiras Memorial Prize Awarded to the top graduating senior in the Cell & Developmental Biology emphasis for high academic achievement and excellence of research in an honors project.</p>	Evelyn Chen
<p>I.L. Chaikoff Award in Cell & Developmental Biology Awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement and excellence in the Cell & Developmental Biology and Neurobiology emphases.</p>	Rebecca Chang, Gurjiwan Dhaliwal, Lara Ocumen, Sarah Short, Ricardo Silva, Lola Takhirov, Kristy Tjokro, Nina Xiong, Jing Yuan, Amy Zhong
<p>CDB Best Poster</p>	Celeste Hsu, Lara Ocumen, Carrie Shao, Sarah Short, Ricardo Silva, Natalie Suhy, Lola Takhirov, Jing Yuan



DIVISION OF GENETICS, GENOMICS, AND DEVELOPMENT

Edward M. Blount Award

Awarded to the student with the highest academic achievement in Genetics, Genomics, and Development.

Mira Cheng, Emily Pearlman

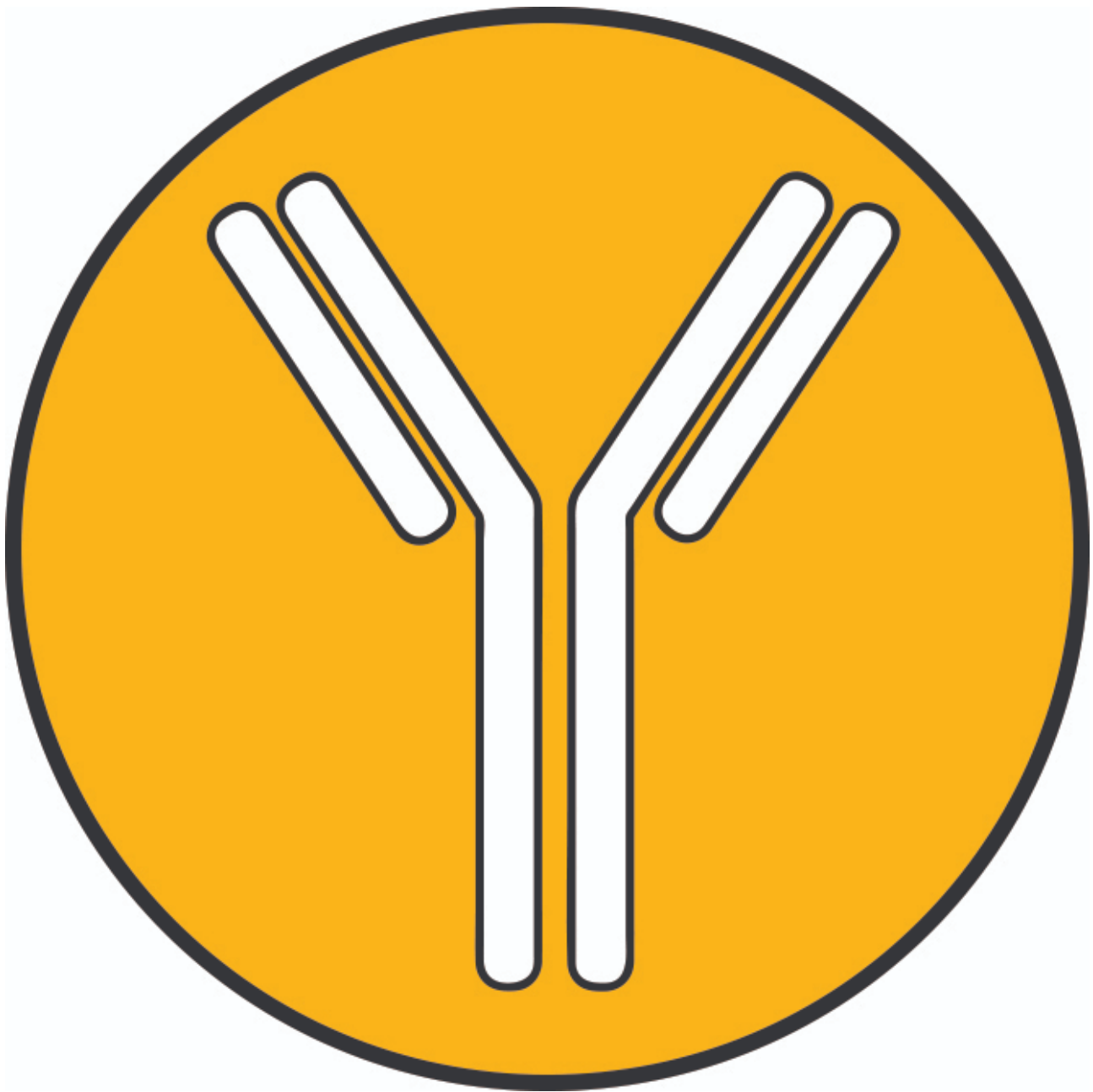
Spencer W. Brown Award

Awarded to a graduating senior who has most distinguished themselves in genetics research.

Jenny Lai, Ruchika Singla,
Sarah Swerdlow, Konnor Von Emster

GGD Best Poster

Ruchika Singla, Sarah Swerdlow



DIVISION OF IMMUNOLOGY & PATHOGENESIS

***The Nilabh Shastri Memorial Award
for Outstanding Immunologist***

Awarded for the highest academic
achievement in the Immunology and
Pathogenesis emphasis.

Caleb Hwang

Award for Academic Excellence in Immunology

Vera Qu

Awarded to the graduating senior in the Immunology and Pathogenesis emphasis for the high academic achievement in all MCB required courses.

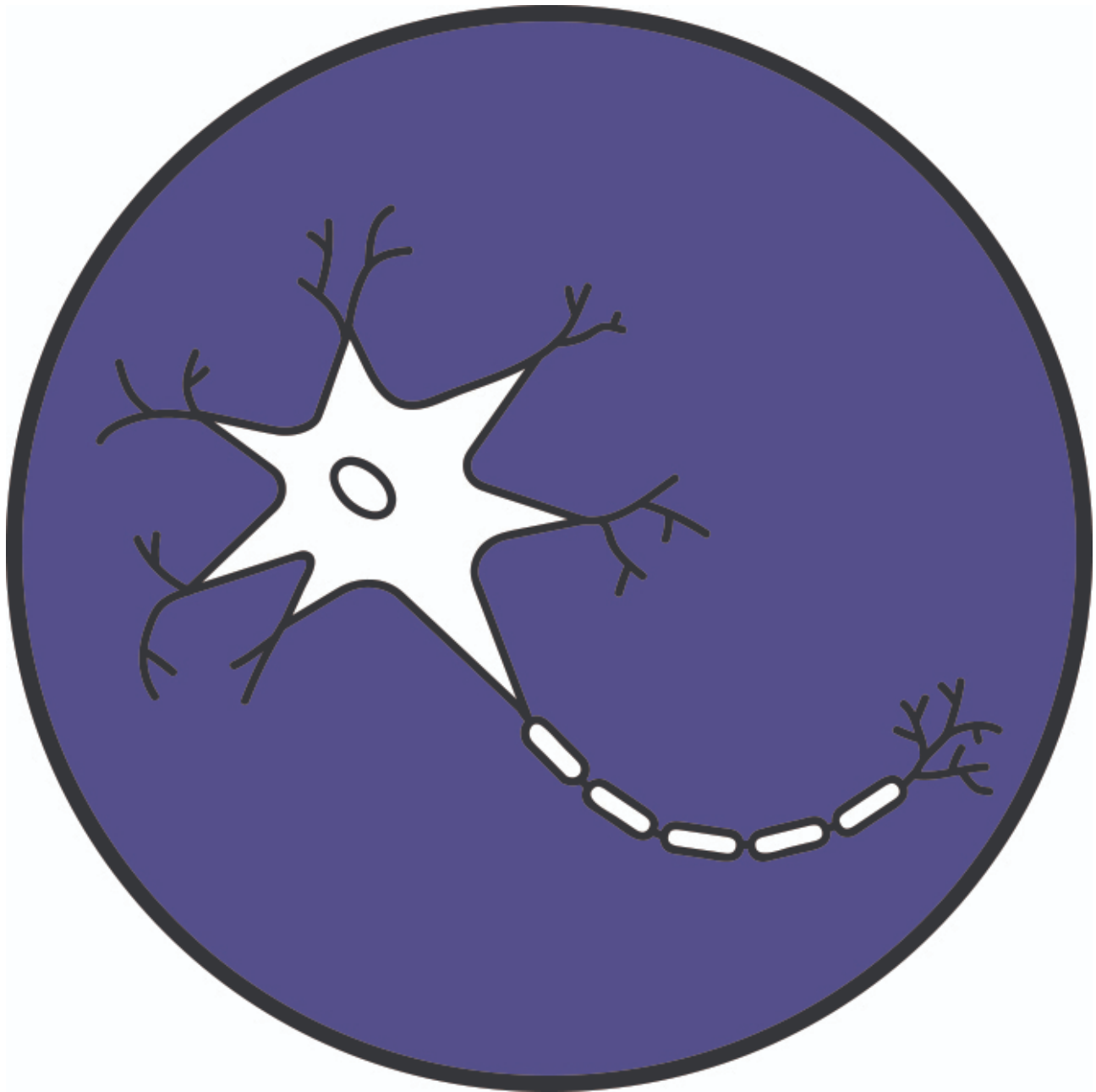
Award for Excellence in Research in Immunology

Sophie Blanc

Awarded to the graduating senior in the Immunology and Pathogenesis emphasis for exceptional research performance in an honors research project.

IMM Best Poster

Samuel Slown, Xinying (Lisa) Wu, Ashley Yang



DIVISION OF NEUROBIOLOGY

Jeffery A. Winer Memorial Prize

Awarded to the top graduating senior in the Neurobiology emphasis for high academic achievement and excellence of research in an honors project.

Yichen Zhu

I.L. Chaikoff Award in Neurobiology

Awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement and excellence in the Cell & Developmental Biology and Neurobiology emphases.

Kaho Adachi, Emily Bi, Henry Chen, Naz Dundar, Alan Huang, Naomi Nicholas, Vy Pham, Alma Rechav Ben natan, Jonathan Shirian, Yvette Ysabel Yao



MCB Class of 2021 Campaign



Our inaugural **senior gift campaign** was a tremendous success! Thanks to the generosity of our community of students, families, alumni, friends, faculty and staff we raised enough funds to provide \$1,000 research stipend awards to 6 MCB undergraduates in the 2021-2022 academic year. **A special thanks to:** Greg Barton, Beth Burnside, Dan Feldman, Marla Feller, Iswar Hariharan, Celeste Hsu, Nicholas Ingolia, Mark Jenkinson, Jenny Lai, Polina Lishko, Sarah Short, Jeremy Thorner, and Jerry Yin. **Go Bears!**

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