

Student Awards Summary – Department of Biology

Departmental Travel Awards – Funded by Dr. George Bernard, these awards provide travel support for students working in Biology Department labs and who are presenting their research results at a scientific conference. Two deadlines annually: Early April for travel from Jan. 1–Sept. 1 and early November for travel from 1 July–1 March. Limit of one grant per 12-month period per student. Amounts awarded vary with student need and availability of funds.

Clare Boothe Luce Fellowship – The Department nominates first to third year female graduate students to the Provost's Office for this external award. Nomination deadlines are early in the spring semester, but vary from year to year. Students must be US citizens. To be competitive, students must have strong undergraduate GPA and GRE scores, excellent grades at BU, and demonstrated research potential or productivity. Preference is given to students in areas of science where women are underrepresented. Fellowship support is for two academic years, covering stipend, tuition and fees, and up to \$4,000 for additional educational and professional development expenses.

Warren-McLeod Fellowships – The Warren-McLeod fellowship provides 12 months of stipend support for a Biology PhD candidate conducting research in Marine Biology. Previous winners may reapply but no student will receive more than two years of support. Applications are due in early April, and candidates must also present their project orally in a 15-minute talk.

Warren-McLeod and Dana Wright Summer Research Fellowship – Provides summer stipend support for students in the Biology Department who are conducting research in Marine Biology. Students are eligible both before and after completing the PhD qualifying exam. Previous winners may reapply but no student will receive more than two summers of support. Applications are due in early April.

Terner Award – The Terner Award aims to recognize outstanding contributions to science by PhD candidates in the CM and MCBB programs. An annual award provides summer stipend support (50%). Applications are due in early April.

Marion R. Kramer Scholarship – Provides an annual scholarship to one or more female undergraduate students and/or one month stipend award to one or more female graduate students. Graduate student applications are due in early April for Summer support.

I. Alden Macchi Award for Excellence – Cash prize awarded to a Biology PhD candidate for research excellence in endocrinology and regulatory biology. Nominations are due in early April. Preference will be given to applicants planning to use the proceeds to attend and present their work at a national or international conference.

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award – Nominations due late March for the student who has demonstrated the greatest skill, enthusiasm and dedication in his or her teaching. Awardees from all departments are honored at a CAS reception.

Belamarich Award – Awarded annually to the student completing the best PhD Dissertation in the Biology Department.

Departmental Travel Awards

Support	Provides travel support for students working in Biology Department labs who are presenting their research results at a scientific conference.
Eligibility	Open to Biology Department undergraduates and graduate students.
Application	(1) Completed application form signed by adviser. (2) Abstract for scientific meeting.
Application Deadline	E-mail application materials in one PDF to Meredith Canode (mcanode@bu.edu) by April 1 for travel from January 1 to September 1 or November 1 for travel from July 1 to March 1.
Selection of Awardees	The Graduate Committee will determine awards based on number of applications and availability of funds.

Clare Boothe Luce Fellowship

Support	Fellowship support for two academic years, covering stipend, tuition and fees, and up to \$4000 for additional educational and professional development expenses.
Eligibility	Female students who are US citizens. To be competitive, students must have strong undergraduate GPA and GRE scores, excellent grades at BU, and demonstrated research potential or productivity. Preference is given to students in areas of science in which women are under-represented.
Application	Nominations by advisors of other faculty members should be submitted to the graduate committee, who will select a departmental nominee. The Department nominates a first to third year female graduate student to the Provost's Office for this external award.
Application Deadline	Nomination deadlines are early in the spring semester, but vary from year to year.
Selection of Awardees	Provost Office selects nominees from Boston University and Luce Foundation approves them.

Warren-McLeod Fellowships

Support	This fellowship provides 12 months of stipend support.
Eligibility	Biology PhD candidates conducting research in Marine Biology are eligible to apply. Previous winners may reapply but no student will receive more than two years of support.
Application	(1) Completed application form. (2) Five page research proposal. Include background, hypotheses to be tested, methods you propose to use, and significance of your study. (3) Your <i>curriculum vitae</i> , which should summarize your training, research experience and teaching experience, in addition to any previous awards, publications and presentations at scientific conferences. (4) Unofficial transcripts
Application Deadline	Applications are due in early April; candidates also present their project orally in a 15-minute talk. E-mail application materials in one PDF to Meredith Canode (mcanode@bu.edu). Nomination and recommendation letters should also be emailed separately by the principal advisor to Chair of the Biology Department Graduate Committee (Pamela Templer; ptempler@bu.edu)
Selection of Awardees	The Graduate Committee will choose an awardee demonstrating exceptional scientific and academic promise for research in Marine Biology based on both the application materials and presentation.

Warren-McLeod and Dana Wright Summer Research Fellowship

Support	This fellowship provides 4 months of stipend support during the summer term.
Eligibility	Biology PhD candidates conducting research in Marine Biology are eligible to apply. Previous winners may reapply but no student will receive more than two years of support.
Application	(1) Completed application form. (2) Five page research proposal. Include background, hypotheses to be tested, methods you propose to use, and significance of your study. (3) Your <i>curriculum vitae</i> , which should summarize your training, research experience and teaching experience, in addition to any previous awards, publications and presentations at scientific conferences. (4) Unofficial transcripts
Application Deadline	Applications are due in early April and candidates must also present their project orally in a 15-minute talk. Email application materials in one PDF to Meredith Canode (mcanode@bu.edu) by April 15, 2012 . Nomination and recommendation letters should be e-mailed separately by the principal advisor.
Selection of Awardees	The Graduate Committee will choose an awardee demonstrating exceptional scientific and academic promise for research in Marine Biology based on both the application materials and presentation.

Terner Award for PhD Students

Support	The Terner Award provides 2 months of stipend support during the summer term.
Eligibility	Open to CM and MCBB PhD candidates who have produced significant contributions during their PhD training. Usually these are graduate students in their third or fourth year of training, however that timeframe is flexible.
Application	(1) No more than 3 letters of nomination and recommendation, one of which shall be from the candidate's research mentor. (2) Candidate's <i>curriculum vitae</i> , which should summarize training, research experience and teaching experience, in addition to any previous awards, publications and presentations at scientific conferences.
Application Deadline	E-mail application materials in one PDF to Meredith Canode (mcanode@bu.edu) by April 15, 2012 . Nomination and recommendation letters should be e-mailed separately by the principal advisor.
Selection of Awardees	The Graduate Committee will choose an awardee with exceptional scientific and academic accomplishments in the fields of Biochemistry and/or Cell and Molecular Biology.

Dr. Marion R. Kramer Scholarship

Support	The Marion R. Kramer fellowship provides an annual scholarship to one or more female undergraduate students and/or one month stipend award to one or more female graduate students. Graduate student applications are due in early April for Summer support.
Eligibility	Open to Biology Department Women PhD candidates or undergraduates who are committed to excellence in science research in Biology.
Application	(1) No more than 3 letters of nomination and recommendation, one of which shall be from the candidate's research mentor. (2) Candidate's <i>curriculum vitae</i> , which should summarize training, research experience and teaching experience, in addition to any previous awards, publications and presentations at scientific conferences.
Application Deadline	E-mail application materials to Meredith Canode (mcanode@bu.edu) by April 15, 2012 . Nomination and recommendation letters should be e-mailed separately by the principal advisor.
Selection of Awardees	The Graduate Committee will choose an awardee judged as having exceptional scientific and academic promise in conducting research.

I. Alden Macchi Award for Excellence

Support	Cash prize awarded to a Biology PhD candidate for research excellence in endocrinology and regulatory biology.
Eligibility	Open to Biology Department PhD candidates who have completed the qualifying examination and are conducting research in endocrinology and/or regulatory biology (including hormones, regulatory molecules, or genes acting in a regulatory manner in the control of intracellular, intercellular and organismal functions). Preference will be given to applicants planning to use the proceeds to attend and present their work at a national or international conference
Application	(1) No more than 3 letters of nomination and recommendation, one of which shall be from the candidate's principal adviser. (2) Candidate's <i>curriculum vitae</i> , which should summarize training, research experience and teaching experience, in addition to any previous awards, publications and presentations at scientific conferences.
Application Deadline	E-mail application materials in one PDF to Meredith Canode (mcanode@bu.edu) by April 15, 2012 . Nomination and recommendation letters should be e-mailed separately by the principal advisor.
Selection of Awardees	The Graduate Committee will choose an awardee with exceptional scientific and academic accomplishments in Endocrinology and/or Regulatory Biology.

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award

Support	Annual award given to graduate student who has demonstrated the greatest skill, enthusiasm and dedication in his or her teaching. Awardees from all departments are honored at a CAS reception.
Eligibility	Open to Biology Department Master's and PhD students who have served as Teaching Fellows in the department.
Application	None
Application Deadline	Faculty nomination and recommendation letters should be e-mailed to the Chair of the Biology Department Graduate Committee (Dr. Pamela Templer; ptempler@bu.edu) by late March.
Selection of Awardees	The Graduate Committee will choose an awardee judged to have made exceptional contributions to teaching in the Department of Biology.

Belamarich Award

Support	Award given to student completing an outstanding doctoral dissertation in the past academic year within the Department of Biology.
Eligibility	Open to Biology Department PhD students who have completed their dissertations within the last year.
Application	None
Application Deadline	Faculty nomination and recommendation letters should be e-mailed to the Chair of the Belamarich Committee (Dr. Frank Monette; monette@bu.edu) by late April.
Selection of Awardees	The Belamarich Committee will choose an awardee judged to have completed the most outstanding doctoral dissertation in the previous year.