

Protocol 1046 Behrensen - Guzmán Palma Graduate Student Award

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To honor the memory of Camila Behrensen and Pablo Guzmán Palma, this annual award recognizes the most outstanding research paper by a student at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research. Based on the standards of scientific excellence, experimental creativity and/or technical innovation, final selection of the winner is made by the Stowers Institute Scientific Advisory Board and announced at the time of their annual meeting each year.

Eligibility: Work by any student of the Graduate School of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research (GSSIMR) or University of Kansas Medical Center whose primary appointment is in a GSSIMR faculty laboratory is eligible. Work must have been published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal in the prior calendar year (i.e., 2023 papers are eligible in 2024). Co-first author papers are eligible for consideration. If both co-authors are eligible PhD students, a dual award is considered.

Timeline:

January- GSSIMR Dean requests faculty nominations for first author papers by students published in the prior calendar year. Nominations are due by the end of the month. In parallel, the GSSIMR Associate Dean for Administration engages Library Services and provides the Dean with a list of first author papers published in the prior year. Eligible papers are considered with or without faculty nomination.

February- GSSIMR Dean and President and SIMR Scientific Director and President select up to four outstanding papers for consideration by the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

March- SIMR Scientific Director communicates finalist papers to SAB Chair for the SAB to review and make final selection.

April- SAB Chair communicates selection for the award to Scientific Director approximately one month before SAB meetings, and Scientific Director informs GSSIMR Dean and President. GSSIMR arranges for the winner to be present for the announcement, including arranging travel as needed for a student no longer on campus.

May- The Behrensen - Guzmán Palma Graduate Student Award winner is announced at the conclusion of the SAB Wednesday Lecture Series talk with an award presented by the GSSIMR President or their designee, SIMR President or their designee, and the awardee's PI faculty mentor. If the winner cannot attend, the faculty mentor accepts the award on their behalf.

Award: The award winner receives an object of recognition (typically an award plaque, sculpture, or other artistic rendering) reflective of the award. The awardee's name is inscribed on a plaque located prominently within GSSIMR and associated with a commissioned painting of Camila Behrensen and Pablo Guzmán-Palma.