Awards in Neuroscience

Award for Education in Neuroscience
The Award for Education in Neuroscience recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to neuroscience education and training. The award will be presented during the Neuroscience Departments and Programs Reception.

Bernice Grafstein Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Mentoring
The Bernice Grafstein Award is given to an individual who has shown dedication to, and success in, mentoring women neuroscientists and facilitating their entry or retention in the field. The award will be presented during the Celebration of Women in Neuroscience Luncheon.

Donald B. Lindsley Prize in Behavioral Neuroscience
Support contributed by: The Grass Foundation
The Donald B. Lindsley Prize recognizes a young neuroscientist for his or her outstanding PhD thesis in the general area of behavioral neuroscience. The prize will be presented prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Jacob P. Waletzky Award
Support contributed by: The Waletzky Award Prize Fund
The Jacob P. Waletzky Award is given to a scientist each year to conduct research in the area of substance abuse and the brain and nervous system. In addition, the recipient must have received an advanced degree of a PhD or MD within the past 15 years. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D. The recipient also will deliver the Jacob P. Waletzky Memorial Lecture at the NIDA mini-convention at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 14, at the Natcher Auditorium (Building 45) on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Md.

Janett Rosenberg Trubatch Career Development Award
Support contributed by: The Trubatch Family
The Career Development Award recognizes two individuals who have demonstrated originality and creativity in research. It is intended to promote success during academic transitions prior to tenure. The awards will be presented during the Celebration of Women in Neuroscience Luncheon.

Julius Axelrod Prize
Support contributed by: Eli Lilly and Company Foundation
The Julius Axelrod Prize honors a scientist with distinguished achievements in the field of neuropharmacology, or a related area, and exemplary efforts in mentoring young scientists. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Louise Hanson Marshall Special Recognition Award
The Louise Hanson Marshall Special Recognition Award honors an individual who has significantly promoted the professional development of women in neuroscience. The award will be presented during the Celebration of Women in Neuroscience Luncheon.

Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award
The Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual with outstanding career achievements in neuroscience who also has significantly promoted the professional advancement of women in neuroscience. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Nemko Prize in Cellular or Molecular Neuroscience
Support contributed by: The Nemko Family
The Nemko Prize recognizes a young neuroscientist’s outstanding PhD thesis that advances the understanding of molecular, genetic, or cellular mechanisms underlying brain function, including higher function and cognition. The prize will be presented prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Neuroscience Program Achievement Award
These awards recognize significant innovations in higher education and training in neuroscience. Two Institutional Program members of SfN — one undergraduate and one graduate/postdoctoral — are selected by the Committee on Neuroscience Departments and Programs. The awards will be presented during the Neuroscience Departments and Programs Reception.
Next Generation Award
The Next Generation Award recognizes SfN chapter members who have made outstanding contributions to public communication, outreach, and education about neuroscience. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award in Neuroscience
Support contributed by: The Gruber Foundation
The Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award in Neuroscience is presented each year to two young neuroscientists for outstanding research and educational pursuit in an international setting. The awards will be presented prior to the Peter and Patricia Gruber Lecture at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Ralph W. Gerard Prize in Neuroscience
The Ralph W. Gerard Prize, the highest recognition conferred by the Society, honors an outstanding scientist who has made significant contributions to neuroscience throughout his or her career. This prize is named after Ralph W. Gerard, who was instrumental in founding SfN and served as honorary president from 1970 until his death in 1974. The prize will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Science Educator Award
Support contributed by: The Dana Foundation
The Science Educator Award honors two outstanding neuroscientists who have made significant contributions to educating the public about neuroscience: one who conducts education activities fulltime and one who devotes his/her time primarily to research while conducting outreach, policy, and education activities. The award will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

SfN Chapter-of-the-Year Award
This award is given to an SfN chapter that has engaged in exceptional, innovative activities at a local and community level and advanced the mission of the Society for Neuroscience. Awarded are selected by the SfN Membership and Chapters Committee. The award will be presented at the Chapters Workshop at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Room 103AB.

Swartz Prize for Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience
Support contributed by: The Swartz Foundation
The Swartz Prize honors an individual who has made noteworthy contributions in the field of theoretical or computational neuroscience. The prize will be presented prior to the Presidential Special Lecture at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Young Investigator Award
Support contributed by: AstraZeneca
The Young Investigator Award recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions by a young neuroscientist who has received his or her advanced professional degree in the past 10 years. The award will be presented prior to the Albert and Ellen Grass Lecture at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D.

Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Awards
Support contributed by: Burroughs Wellcome Fund and Genzyme
These awards honor outstanding graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Awardees are evaluated by the Professional Development Committee and chosen on the basis of the scientific merit of their abstract, a letter of recommendation from their principal investigator or mentor, their research and career goals, and an essay. Awardees will be recognized during the Celebration of Women in Neuroscience Luncheon.

SfN/JNS Travel Award
SfN and the Japan Neuroscience Society (JNS) sponsor a joint travel award program allowing five trainees from Japan to attend the SfN annual meeting and five North American trainees from SfN to travel to Japan to attend the JNS meeting in September. The program is administered by SfN’s International Affairs Committee and JNS.

SfN Travel Awards
Chapter Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Awards
Support contributed by: Friends of SfN Fund and SfN Memorial Fund
Recipients of these awards are nominated by their local chapters and evaluated by the SfN Membership and Chapters Committee based on the scientific merit of their abstract, evidence of outreach activities, and letters of nomination from their faculty mentor and local nominating chapter. The awards will be presented at the Chapters Reception.